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REDS INTERFERE IN JAPAN

CATALINA REPORT DELAYED

The report of the official enquiry into the Catalina air crash off Macao on July 10, which was to have been released yesterday, has been held over, due to the indisposition of the Director of Air Services.

This announcement was made by the Colonel Secretary, Mr. D. M. MacDougall, in Legislative Council yesterday. He said Mr. A.J.R. Moss, the Director of Air Services, had been in hospital. It is expected however that the report will be released in the next few days.

The enquiry was conducted in Macao on the instructions of the Macao authorities, and the Hong Kong Director of Air Services joined in the enquiry by invitation.

REDS THREATEN ICHANG

Nanking, August 11. The Nanking Evening News in an urgent despatch from Ichang said Red columns were only 20 miles from that Yangtze River port and a number of people were evacuating up-river toward Chungking because of fears of the Reds.

The despatch said steamship service between Shanghai and Ichang was operating normally. With the arrival of two warships in Ichang, the Navy had established sub-aquatic there.

The military spokesman said "remnant" of Chen Yi's forces surviving the Central China war, numbering 50,000 to 60,000 men, reached Fowang which the Government evacuated a week ago, "but hesitated to enter the city."

Reports from Pangfu said the Government's Fifth Army Corps which was pursuing Chen Yi's troops, caused them heavy losses.

The Nanking Evening News said "remnant" numbers of Ho Lung's Red forces besieging Taiyuan withdrew westward across the Yellow River with the possible intention of again attacking Paochi, important point on the Shan-Lanchow highway. — Associated Press.

SELLING H.K. DOLLARS

Shanghai, Aug. 11. In surprise raids Shanghai Police today closed seven businesses they charged were dealing in Hong Kong dollars.

Police said they had been quietly gathering evidence that the seven firms were selling from 1,000,000 to 10,000,000 Hong Kong dollars daily. All the companies were Chinese. — Associated Press.

CHINA SEEKING BIG U.S. LOAN?

Shanghai, August 11. Reports that China was seeking a large loan from the United States to reform her currency cropped up again today as the black market United States dollar soared to a new high of CN\$11,000,000.

The Shun Pao, influential daily, quoting reliable Chinese sources, said that the Chinese Government would soon start negotiations for a loan of US\$500,000,000 from the United States Government for the purpose of currency reform.

The paper said that Sino-American talks for a reform of

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Demands On MacArthur By Russian General ANTI-LABOUR MEASURES

Tokyo, August 11. Soviet Major General A. P. Kisenko, in a letter to General Douglas MacArthur today, demanded that the Supreme Commander cancel his restrictive labour policy recommendations to the Japanese Government in his letter to Prime Minister Hitoshi Ashida on July 22.

He charged that the new "no strike, no collective bargaining" order issued by the Japanese Cabinet to some 2,000,000 Government employees was a violation of the Potsdam Declaration.

It was also a violation of policy decisions of the Far Eastern Commission relative to the encouragement of democratic tendencies in Japan.

No officials in Allied Headquarters could offer an indication of what action General MacArthur would take. In the past such Soviet criticisms have been ignored or partly answered when they later appeared on the Allied Council agenda.

Thus far, the Soviet member had not requested a Council debate on the issue.

Major Gen. Kisenko also insisted that Gen. MacArthur revoke the current restrictions against large public gatherings and demonstrations in Osaka which the Soviet representative alleged were applied by the Osaka police upon a direction from United States officials in that industrial area.

(In Osaka last week officials of the 25th Infantry Division denied they had ever instructed the Japanese police to use public meeting restrictions. They said the restrictions were used by the municipal police on their own initiative).

Agitation By Leftists

Meanwhile Leftist labour leaders continued to urge unionised members of the Government and communications union to strike in defiance of protest against the Cabinet order enforcing Gen. MacArthur's labour policy.

But only scattered and abortive local strikes have so far occurred.

Inter-union fights on the decision to ignore the Government's order have caused hard splits between the Left and Right wing unions, including the Communications workers Union resign.

Communist leaders at Hiroshima today threatened the local authorities that they would release, by force if necessary, the 19 Communist railway workers jailed for violation of the anti-strike ban.

Wildcat strikes and threats of strikes subsided generally as the Government took forceful action against violators of its Cabinet order. — United Press.

STUDENTS A "FIFTH COLUMN"

Nanking, Aug. 11. The KMT Central Daily News urged editorially a purge of fifth columnists who are "turning some universities into Soviet concessions."

The editorial said that peace rumours, professional students and defectors are all earmarks of the world Communist International.

The outspoken article said professional students are turning certain schools—including Shanghai's National Chiao Tung University into headquarters for pro-Communist fifth column activities.

The paper continued: "We propose the cure for them is the death sentence." — Associated Press.

China's highly inflated currency have been in progress ever since Mr. Pei Tsu-wei, head of the special financial mission to Washington, returned to the United States several months ago.

Approval and support of the reform plan by the United States Government is said to centre around the expectation that China will effectively stabilize her national economy through efficient utilization of the Economic Co-operation Administration programme.

The paper, however, denied earlier reports appearing in the Chinese press that a new currency had already been printed and that a stable exchange rate against the United States dollar has been fixed.

Preparations for such a reform cannot be completed in a short time, the paper pointed out, but must await the completion of detailed measures and negotiations. — Reuters.

PICTURE OF THE DAY ONE OF THE NO-BOYS



M. Vishinsky, Molotov's second-in-command, caught an unusually cheerful mood on his recent arrival in Prague. He stayed there briefly, flying on to Belgrade next day for the Danube Conference now in session.

Chinese Reds Slip Out Of Net

Paiping, August 11. On the surface, General Fu Tso-yi's campaign against the Reds in eastern Hopai appears to be going well. But it is clear that the Reds, wily and elusive as ever, have chosen to withdraw rather than stand up and fight a major battle as Fu would have desired.

Fu's headquarters estimates the strength of the Reds in eastern Hopai at about five columns, two of them from Manchuria, which would mean a maximum total of 75,000 men.

Elimination of this force would represent a major Nationalist triumph. Whether Fu will succeed in achieving it is, however, doubtful.

Reports from pro-Government sources have given the impression that the Reds are being caught in a vast net, but they have in the past slipped through too many nets to allow the Nationalists much optimism in the present instance.

High Nationalist officials portrayed the situation by saying with an evident sense of exasperation that "fighting the Reds is like trying to catch rats—they just run and hide."

Too Much To Hope For

Even the most ardent of Fu's supporters doubt whether he would achieve his avowed object of exterminating the Reds in East Hopai.

Thus, although some newspapers here have already begun to bent the drums of victory, the final outcome of Fu's current drive has yet to elude itself.

They say it is too much to hope that the Nationalists will be able to keep the southern section of the Peiping-Mukden railroad free of Red incursions. But it is possible the Red strength might be sufficiently weakened to forestall for a few weeks, even for a month or two, any sizeable attempt against such towns as Tangshan, centre of the great Kailan mines.

From Manchuria, there has been no fire of an alleged drive northward from Chaochiao to seal the gap in the Peiping-Mukden railroad. Nor has the frequently predicted amphibious attempt to retake the Manchurian port of Yingkou, 100 miles southwest of Mukden, yet materialized.

Nevertheless, foreign experts who six months ago were "talking a very big word" of the Nationalist position both in Manchuria and North China, admit the situation today is much better than they ever thought it would be. — Associated Press.

BORDER CUSTOMS STATIONS

Shanghai, August 11. The Chinese morning newspaper, "Sin Wan Pao," in a Nanking report, said today that the Hong Kong authorities agreed to the Chinese demand for the establishment of additional Chinese customs stations on the Hong Kong-China border but demanded that officers in charge of these stations must be British.

The newspaper said the Hong Kong authorities suggested that these officers be appointed by the Chinese Government and accepted by Hong Kong before they are sent to Hong Kong.

The report said the Chinese authorities are still not satisfied with Hong Kong proposals that further negotiations be held when the Kwangtung Governor, T. V. Soong, returns to Canton. — United Press.

RESIDENTS' APPROACH TO RATES COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION DEMANDED

A letter demanding representation on Government's Hotel Rates Committee was sent by the Hotel Residents' Association yesterday to the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. T. N. Chau.

The Association, formed last Sunday at the Peninsula Hotel, at present consists of European residents of the Peninsula Hotel.

CHOLERA ABSENCE IN CHINA

Nanking, Aug. 11. China, which has had floods, fires, earthquakes, and the ever-present civil war, has one thing to be thankful for this year.

Health Minister Y. T. Tsai said the usual cholera epidemic had not been reported this season although he made the announcement with his fingers crossed against the possibility of a serious outbreak during the remainder of August, which is called the "cholera month."

Mr. Tsai said only two positive cases thus far were reported to the Health Ministry, both at Wu-chang, Yangtze River city opposite Hankow. Last year there were 821 cholera cases reported in August and 772 in September. Fifteen-year records show 40 per cent of all Chinese cholera cases occur in August.

Mr. Tsai said that the Ministry through the China Relief Mission (American) distributed enough cholera serum to protect 20,000-30,000 people this season. — Associated Press.

STRONG QUAKES RECORDED

Cleveland, August 11. The John Carroll University's seismograph station today recorded a "strong" earthquake about 15 miles north-east of Mexico City.

Officials said the quake would cause extensive damage to any property in the area. Two earthquakes, described as "sharp," were recorded on the seismograph at Fordham University today.

Officials said the first was registered at 7:45 a.m. and the second at 7:47 a.m. Both were 2,050 miles distant in a south-westerly direction, possibly in the vicinity of Guatemala—United Press.

TYPHOON THREAT TO TAIWAN

Nanking, August 11. The Central Meteorological Station today reported a 10 m.p.h. typhoon was speeding from the Carolinas toward Taiwan and the Ryukyu Islands.

The centre of the typhoon was now located at north latitude 23.5 degrees and east longitude 130 degrees. — United Press.

YELLOW RIVER FLOOD

Nanking, Aug. 11. A Water Conservancy spokesman said the Government still was awaiting details of the Yellow River flood which was reported to have killed nearly 3,500 in northern Honan.

The spokesman said that because of military operations in that area, it was likely it would require considerable time to assemble definite data on the flood damage. — Associated Press.

RUMOUR MONGERS CRITICISED

Nanking, August 11. The official Central News Agency, in an apparently Government-inspired release today, denied Shanghai reports about an impending Government order to check warehouse and freeze bank vaults as "pure rumour."

The Agency said the rumours were spread by manipulators and Communist agents designed to instigate anti-Government feelings and market instability.

The release said unfortunately these rumours were accepted as factual reports on the contents of the new financial measures now being considered, and some Shanghai papers even went to the extent of writing editorial comments on them, thus helping in spreading the rumours.

The release added: "It is known that after the Japanese war many banks and money houses have been established with insufficient capital and credit for the purpose of speculation and hoarding."

"If the Government decides to purge them, it cannot be considered an excessive measure."

Meanwhile, it is feared that the new financial measures, which were approved in principle at the Mokanshan conference and reviewed in detail in a series of conferences during the Kwangtung Governor, Dr. T. V. Soong's visit, were not brought forward at the Cabinet's regular weekly meeting today for rubber-stamping.

No reason was given for the delay in taking action on the new policy. — United Press.

Chinese Opposition

The Chinese Hotels and Boarding House Association issued a statement yesterday opposing any proposal to reduce the prevailing rates charged for accommodation.

RUSSIAN AA FIRE IN AIR CORRIDOR

Berlin, August 11. British and American air officials were today studying reports of Soviet air activity over the western sectors of Berlin. It was reported yesterday that anti-aircraft shells burst well inside the American corridor at between 8,000 to 10,000 feet.

The British air authorities were not protesting "at the moment" against last night's flight over the western sectors of Berlin by 13 Russian Yak fighters, it was said officially today.

Royal Air Force spokesman said: "Reports by eye-witnesses are still being studied but so far we have not classified the flight as having been in formation."

The Russians said today that they would allow the flies dealing with the western sector food distribution to be moved to a new western food headquarters in the British sector of Berlin.

Mr. Paul Fuellmich, head of the Berlin food office, announced this after a long conference with Russian officers in the central sector food distribution centre.

Employees due to transfer to the western office were refused admission to the central office in the Soviet sector when they turned up for work this morning. They were sent home and told that they would be asked to report for duty when the new western office was organised. — Reuters.

NATIONALISING INVALID

Sydney, Aug. 11. The Australian High Court today declared invalid the Australian Government's plans for nationalising private banks, embodied in an act passed in October.

Sir John Latham, the Chief Justice, made an order restraining the Commonwealth from putting the act into effect.

He also ordered the Government to pay the costs of the case—the longest in Australian legal history—brought by eight Australian and three British banks in the States of Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia. — Reuters.

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Correspondence

Paying Guests

Sir,—Much fuss has been made over the reduction in hotel and boarding house rates, but nothing has been done about rates for paying guests.

There are many living in flats and houses at pre-war rates and charging their so-called paying guests high rates for rooms which are let as furnished rooms with food and which, in some cases, are just box rooms, servants' quarters and are old space with a bed and bits of furniture and let at anything from \$400 to \$500 a month, and because they are let with food the principal tenants are not under the control of the Tenancy Tribunal. What about the Quartering Authority looking into these? This latest racket is making the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance a farce as if they give their subtenants a bit of food and tea for breakfast and they are then "Paying Guests," and thus the "Paying Guests" are immune from any Ordinance. Let us hope the next amendment will include a clause "allowing in any form—with or without food or furniture—to come under the control of the Ordinance."

"Dictatorship"

Sir,—I would like to congratulate Col. Brainerd-Creagh on his efforts on behalf of our Hotel Residents.

And I would like to suggest that he and his Committee do their best to reduce some hotel managers' powers of Dictatorship in dealing with us.

Apart from the miserable discomfort of having a few cubicles with two other women, many of us are ordered suddenly to pack up and move to another "Concentration Camp"—whether we like it or not and as often as it suits the manager's purpose.

Meanwhile in this supposedly British Colony we see rich Chinese occupying the rooms and suites while we are told that none are available.

I need scarcely add that every one I know at this hotel has been trying ceaselessly to get out—but cannot find accommodation elsewhere.

Yours truly,
HOTEL RESIDENT.

Indian Appeal

Sir,—Through the ever hospitable columns of your esteemed paper, I would like to draw the learned attention of the President of the Indian Community here, regarding the celebrations of Indian Independence Day.

Is it not just a day to recapitulate what has happened in India in the wake of her independence? The avalanche of greatest catastrophe descended upon millions of people in India. They are foodless, clothesless, and roofless. Many a woman is widowed and many a child orphaned. Families and families are uprooted and scattered. They are unwelcome strangers in their very land.

Hence the gravest of the situation demands not Dinners or Tilings but sobriety of mind. "Divali" celebrations of our independence should be postponed to some right future moment. We should rather meet in prayer at a sacred place and have some sort of token celebration on this day. The President should appoint a committee for this occasion to pool large subscriptions for "Refugee Fund" from amongst Indian "Tapians" and this amount, when remitted to India, will symbolize the right spirit, shown to their countrymen in distress and in mourning, by the Indian Community overseas.

M. NARAIN DAS.

Maritime Board

Sir,—The letter that appeared in the correspondence column of your esteemed newspaper on August 8, under the caption of "Might be a boomerang" calls for some criticism.

As every one is aware, the proposed setting-up of the Maritime Board aims at the elimination of the over-competition and extortionate crew contractor system in Hong Kong. For more than twenty years we seamen have suffered, and are still suffering, under this brutal form of exploitation. We have to pay heavily for a job on board an ocean-liner or a coastal vessel. Over fifty percent of our first-month's pay goes to the crew contractors, and we must forfeit 5 to 10 per cent of every month's wages as commission to them. Mr. "China Coast" may well say that because the local seamen have been educated anywhere near the standard in England or the United States, they should close their eyes to this deplorable state of affairs and let the crew contractors continue. But Mr. "China Coast" forgets that we are human beings and not "Frankenstein" as he wishes, who are susceptible to all human sufferings.

Behind his word of warning, he whatever he may call it, one can easily detect the seeds of an intrigue. It is obvious to all that his letter was written with no other intention than to throw a wet blanket on the proposed Board or to direct the

A statement made by Ling Cheuk-wah, the first of four accused charged in connection with the Van Heutsz piracy, in which he admitted having taken part in the piracy, was read out at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

In this statement, Ling claimed that he boarded the Van Heutsz at the request of a friend who had suggested that they go to Amoy to start business and that he knew of the intention to commit piracy only after the ship had cleared Hong Kong.

Among the exhibits produced for the inspection of Sir Leslie Gibson (Chief Justice) and the jury was a sum of HK\$50,000 in HK\$500 notes, as well as a quantity of jewellery worth thousands of dollars, claimed to be part of the proceeds of the piracy.

UNIQUE DRUG TESTED AT STANLEY

A unique drug which seeks out and kills bloodstream parasites with almost absolute selectivity has been developed by the Lederle Laboratories Division of the American Cyanamid Company here at its huge pharmaceutical research centre. The drug, a true detective of the bloodstream, has been tested on humans and animals and found to be non-toxic.

It is one of a family of compounds known as piperazines and contains no toxic metals or elements which are characteristic of anti-parasitic drugs. Lederle research workers screened more than 1,000 organic, non-metallic compounds before they decided that diethylcarbamazine was the safest and most effective. The drug can be used with equal safety on humans and animals.

Diethylcarbamazine is specific for filariasis, a tropical disease affecting some two hundred million people in such countries as China, India, Central Africa, Malaya, Tahiti, British Guiana, The Virgin Islands, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Brazil and North Africa.

The disease is not prevalent in the United States. In the tropics, filariasis is its worst, often leading to elephantiasis, a painful disease which is marked by great swelling of the arms, legs, and other extremities.

Reports by the World Health Organisation of the United Nations demonstrate that filariasis is endemic throughout the whole coastal plain of China from Shantung Peninsula south, being most severe in Chekiang Province.

Tests at Stanley prison indicated that 5% of the population of Hong Kong may be affected with filariasis, while a majority of the population may suffer infestation of other types of worms for which HETRAZAN is effective.

Extensive clinical testing has been performed for the past year in Mexico, Caribbean Area, North Africa, India and China.

The drug is more promising in the treatment of intestinal worms than the products so far used, with the advantages of extremely low toxicity, lack of accompanying starvation and purgation, a single day's therapy and cost within the means of China's poorest citizens.

CAUGHT ON WAY TO ROBBERY

On their way to commit an armed robbery at Cheungshawan on the night of July 20, Wong Nam, aged 22, and Wong Yip, 26 years old, walked into a police ambush, in charge of Detective Sub-Inspector J. R. Sykes.

Searched by the detectives, Wong Nam was found to have a revolver, loaded with five rounds of ammunition, tucked away in his girdle. On the person of Wong Yip was found a common fish knife, and a piece of cloth of the size usually used as a gas by robbers, said DSJ Sykes.

When charged before Mr. J. H. Lattimer at Kowloon yesterday, Wong Nam pleaded guilty to possession of arms and ammunition and conspiring to commit an armed robbery.

Wong Yip pleaded, not guilty to the first count and guilty to the second. His pleas were accepted by the prosecution.

First accused was sentenced to three years' hard labour, and second to two years' penal servitude. Both were recommended for banishment.

After the respective verdicts were found on them, both accused stated that they were on their way to commit an armed robbery at Cheungshawan on the night of July 20, and that they were caught on their way to the robbery.

Cemetery Squatters' Settlement

Legislation to convert the site of the Kennedy Town Cemetery into an approved squatters' settlement was introduced in Legislative Council yesterday.

The Bill to give effect to this step, entitled the Public Health (Sanitation) Amendment Ordinance 1948, was introduced by the Acting Attorney General, Mr. Callaghan, at 10.15 a.m. of the session and he, mainly in the cemetery.

The measure was prompted by the threat to public health by the existence of squatters in partially demolished premises or huts in the cemetery.

The motion was seconded by the Colonial Secretary, Mr. D. M. MacDougal, and carried unanimously.

Personalia

Miss Joan Owen Gage was married to Mr. Vasilev Olofinski, Hotel Manager, Repulse Bay Hotel, at the Supreme Court Marriage Registry yesterday.

Mr. Charles Leach, instructed by Mr. C. A. S. Russ, is representing all four accused.

Detective Inspector A. A. Shaw said that on April 22, he went with a raiding party to 376 Queen's Road West, 2nd floor. He enquired of the occupants in the front portion of the premises if they knew a person named Ling. These occupants pointed to a bed in the corridor. He went to the bed, where he saw first accused. When asked his name, first accused replied "Ah Chai".

Amount of Baggage

Ultimately first accused, with a considerable amount of baggage found beneath his bed, was taken to the Police Station. Particulars were taken down by Police Officer Chan Wing.

Inspector Shaw said that on the night of the robbery, he was present, to explain to Ling Cheuk-wah he had been arrested. This was done and before any usual caution had been given, accused began to speak. Inspector Shaw said that he was stopped and Chinese Detective Lui Luk instructed to give the caution.

After the caution had been given, first accused made a statement. When he had finished his statement, it was handed over to Detective Inspector Lui to read back to him. Ling Cheuk-wah agreed that the statement was correct and signed it by making a cross.

Inspector Shaw said that from his own knowledge of the Fungti district, he was able to state that Detective Inspector Lui read back was substantially what the man had previously said.

To Commit Piracy

In this statement, first accused said that he had, on December 11, been asked by one Wong Chun to go on board the Van Heutsz for the purpose of going to Amoy to start business. After the ship had cleared Hong Kong, he was approached by Wong Chun and asked to commit piracy. Wong Chun explained that he had not mentioned the matter while in Hong Kong because he was afraid that he, first accused, might tell others.

First accused further said, in his statement, that he agreed to assist in the piracy and was given an automatic pistol by Wong Chun. He received \$250 from Wong Chun after the pirates had landed and was told to return to Hong Kong, which he did.

Evidence in support of the case for the prosecution was given by a number of other witnesses, after which hearing was adjourned until 10 a.m. today.

Muncaster Castle Has Tough Trip

Now undergoing funnel alterations in Kowloon Docks to improve her boiler combustion, the 8,067-ton Muncaster Castle has successfully overcome a series of setbacks in recent weeks. Since she left New York in June to start the post-war round-the-world service of the Castle Line, the steamer has undergone what the company described as "the teething troubles of a new ship settling down," en route to Hong Kong.

Two days before reaching Manila a refrigerator failed and a quantity of fish and other foodstuffs had to be jettisoned. The cargo refrigeration was not affected.

A number of the vessel's Asiatic crew deserted in New York, where they had been taken from Singapore to await her departure.

The Muncaster Castle has an all-British officer staff, 20 in number, and 87 Asiatic crew. Her master is Mr. A. Lacey, who saw war service in the North African campaign.

Thirty-six hours after leaving her mother voyage, engine trouble developed, and the ship had to return to port. Further adjustments had to be made before she entered the Panama Canal, and again at San Francisco.

Ambitious Programme

Built at Tacoma, Washington, 1944, the Muncaster Castle's trip touched off an ambitious programme of the Castle Line, involving the acquisition of available modern tonnage and construction of new vessels of most modern design. Latest technical

achievements with regard to cargo handling, "concentric" and accommodation will also be incorporated in the plans.

The first phase of the post-war programme called for the revival of the round-the-world service, and eight vessels will eventually provide bi-monthly sailings.

Joining the Muncaster Castle soon will be the Greyhound, also a converted C-3. Augmenting the Castle Line fleet are two additional American-built C-3s and especially designed ships are also under construction in British shipyards.

The latter will all be high-speed combination freight and passenger ships, equipped throughout with cargocare and refrigerated space.

DIED IN PRISON HOSPITAL

At the inquest into the death of Lau Fat, aged 42, held at Central yesterday a verdict of death by natural causes was returned.

The dead man was a prisoner in Stanley Prison, serving a term of six weeks' hard labour for keeping an opium den. He was admitted to Stanley Prison on July 9 and died on July 21 in the Prison Hospital.

Medical evidence showed that the dead man was an opium addict and had acute tuberculosis, and had died from these causes.

Mr. F. X. d'Almeida sat as coroner.

A verdict of death by misadventure was returned at the inquest into the death of Kwong Sem, aged 20, a woman worker, who died on June 16 at Queen Mary Hospital.

The woman was riding on a naval truck which was carrying planks of wood. As the truck went round a bend in the North Arm of the Royal Naval Dockyard a plank slipped and knocked the woman to the ground, fracturing her skull. She died the next day at Queen Mary Hospital.

NEW BEACH GUARDS QUALIFY

Eight Chinese qualified as life-guards in an examination held at Lanchow Amusement Park last evening.

The men had been instructed by Mr. W. Rothwell, the stationer and Inspector "Jock" Bowers, local representative and chief examiner of the Royal Life Saving Society.

The eight successful life-guards qualified for the Bronze Medallion of the Society. For others, who partly qualified yesterday, will take the distance test later to complete the full examination.

Among those present at the examination were Mr. Mok Kong-sang, Mr. and Mrs. Everett, Mr. F. Shau, Mr. Bower, Mr. Rothwell, Mr. J. Long and Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Stok.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday included Mrs. J. Bone, Mrs. C. Onstott, Mrs. B. Saldana, Mr. M. Anderson, Messrs. R. Satrikian, E. C. Hermann, L. R. Smith, C. J. Johnson, W. H. Brock, G. A. Barrows, and W. Y. Wong.

Among the arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday were Miss H. K. Black, Miss Eva Faham, Messrs. C. H. Woo, P. Banchee, J. S. Matufano, J. Caballeria, B. L. Anderson, and K. S. Yu.

Mr. J. H. Warner, son of Mr. L. H. Warner of the Kowloon Docks, arrived at Hong Kong yesterday by the ss. Chamite from Australia.

During the war, Mr. Warner's son was a pilot in the Royal Australian Air Force.

In Hong Kong he will take up a position in the air control section of the Kai Tak Airport.

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STENOGRAPHER for foreign import and export office wanted. Good English reliable worker shall apply with full particulars and salary expected. Please write full particulars. Box 501, "China Mail."

WANTED experienced butler-maid, English speaking. Apply Mrs. M. C. D. Residence, Naval Dockyard, Hong Kong.

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VACANT POST OF BOTANICAL ASSISTANT—GARDENS DEPT.

Applications are invited for the post of Botanical Assistant, on the pensionable establishment of the Gardens Department, Hong Kong, on a salary of \$400 a month for two years, then rising by annual increments of \$25 a month to \$600 a month, then by \$40 a month to \$680 a month. A temporary variable and non-pensionable cost of living allowance is payable at the official scale.

The successful candidate, if passed medically fit, will be on probation for two years in his first instance.

Applicants must be able to read and to write the English language fluently, and must possess a degree in Botany of a recognised University.

The duties of the post include taking full charge of the botanical activities of the Department, and the re-assembly and reorganisation of the herbarium collection.

Application forms, obtainable from the Gardens Department, 1st floor, G.P.O. Building, should be completed and returned accompanied by two recent testimonials to the Superintendent of Gardens, at the above address, on or before the 30th September, 1948.

R. E. DEAN, Superintendent of Gardens.

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LANE, CRAWFORD, LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held on Thursday, 20th August, 1948, at the Jacobean Room in the Hong Kong Hotel, Pedder Street, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, immediately following the Ordinary Yearly Meeting which will be held at noon on the same day and at the same place for the purposes of considering and if thought fit, passing the following resolution as an Ordinary Resolution.

"That the Authorized Capital of the Company be increased from its present present capital of \$1,000,000 divided into 100,000 shares of \$10 each (of which 75,000 shares have been issued) to \$2,500,000 by the creation of 150,000 additional shares of the nominal value of \$10 each, and that the unissued shares of the Company's capital and such additional shares as aforesaid, shall be issued at such time or times and upon such terms and conditions as the Company's Board of Directors in their absolute discretion shall think fit."

NOTICE is also given that if the above Resolution is duly passed it is the present intention of the Directors to close the Register of Members for a period of six days from 13th September to 18th September 1948, both days inclusive. The Directors will offer the persons appearing in the Register of Members on the 13th September 1948, 75,000 shares of the Company of the nominal value of \$10 each, out of the unissued capital of the Company at par and on the footing that the full nominal value of each share taken up shall be paid in full on acceptance of the offer and in any case not later than the 30th November, 1948, and so that each such person as aforesaid or his approved nominee shall be entitled to apply for and take up one new share for every one issued share which according to the Register of Members, as aforesaid is held by such person on the 13th September 1948, the shares so offered shall rank for dividend as from the 1st December 1948.

The offer will be made by notice sent by post to each such person as aforesaid signifying the number of shares to which each such person is entitled and such offer if not accepted either on behalf of such person or his approved nominee on or before the 30th November 1948, will be deemed to be declined.

The Directors will dispose of any shares offered as aforesaid in the event of non acceptance by payment therefor by such persons as aforesaid or their approved nominees on or before 30th November 1948, at such time or times and upon such terms and conditions as they may decide.

It is important that any persons who have purchased shares in the Company but whose names do not appear in the Register of Members as aforesaid in respect thereof should if they wish to take advantage of the offer, present their transfers for registration accompanied by the requisite share certificates as soon as possible and in any event not later than 11th September 1948.

NOTICE is also hereby given that at the above Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company the following resolution will be considered and if thought fit passed as a special Resolution:

"That Article No. 88 of the Company's Articles of Association shall be altered by deleting the figures '1,000' contained in the fourth line thereof and substituting therefor the figures '2,400'."

Article No. 88 of the Company's Articles of Association, if the Resolution is passed, will then read as follows:

"Each Director (other than a Managing Director) shall be paid by way of remuneration for his services the sum of \$2,400 per annum and such further sums (if any) as the Company in General Meeting shall from time to time determine."

By Order of the Board of Directors,

FEAT MARWICK MITCHELL & CO., Secretaries and Accountants.

Hong Kong, 29th July, 1948.

LANE, CRAWFORD, LIMITED

Notice is hereby given that the 22nd Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of Lane, Crawford, Limited, will be held at the Jacobean Room in the Hong Kong Hotel, Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 20th August, 1948, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Company's Accounts for the year ended 31st February, 1948, and the Directors' and Auditors' Reports thereon; to sanction the payment of dividends; to re-elect a Director; and to re-appoint Auditors.

The Share Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 12th to 20th August 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

FEAT MARWICK MITCHELL & CO., Secretaries and Accountants.

Hong Kong, 29th July, 1948.

NOTICE

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & CO., LTD.

Lost Share Certificates

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Certificate No. 70 for 200 Ordinary Shares Nos. 122057/122256 and Certificate No. 83 for 500 Preference Shares Nos. 5241/35740 in the name of

MR. FRANK NICHOLLS

have all been declared lost. If same are not produced before August 28th 1948, they will be cancelled and new Certificates will be issued in lieu thereof.

MAGGREGOR, LTD. General Managers.

Hong Kong, July 28th 1948.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

PROBATE JURISDICTION

In the Goods of Gertrude Maria Campbell alias Gertrude Campbell late of No. 2, Hanoi Road, Kowloon in the Colony of Hong Kong, Widow, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probate Ordinance 1897 made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 28th day of August 1948.

All creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send in their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 31st day of July, 1948.

BRUTON & CO., Solicitors for the Executor of the Estate of the abovesaid deceased, Windsor House, Hong Kong.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE A SHIP'S NAME

We, Moller Line Ltd., of Queen's Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, hereby give notice that in consequence of change of Ownership of the underequipped vessel, we have applied to the Minister of Transport, under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1894 in respect of the Steam Ship "RAPIDOL" of London Registry, Official Number 140-322, Gross Tonnage 2648.18 tons, Register Tonnage 1063.55 tons which is being transferred to Hongkong Registry, heretofore owned by His Majesty represented by the Minister of Transport, London, and now owned by Moller Line Ltd., for permission to change her name to "LOUISE MOLLER" and to have her registered in the new name at the Port of Hong Kong as owned by Moller Line Ltd.

Any objection to the proposed change of name must be sent to the Registrar of Shipping at Hong Kong within seven days from the appearance of this advertisement.

Dated at HONG KONG the 11th day of August, 1948.

MOLLER LINE LTD. A. J. KENDRICK SECRETARY

NOTICE

GODOWN WARRANT NO. J-1417

A Quantity of Graphite said to weigh 1,646 Pounds

NO MARK

All efforts to contact WONG LAM SANG in whose name the above cargo is stored in THE HONG KONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD'S West Point Godown No. 2 Lower having failed we hereby give notice that unless storage charges are paid within one week of this notice appearing the cargo will be sold by auction to defray expenses.

C. E. TERRY.

General Manager.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

Hong Kong, 6th August, 1948.

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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

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Outward Mails

Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Post close 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. If mails close before 10 a.m., Registered and Parcel Post close at 8 p.m. the previous day. Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office half an hour earlier than the O.P.O. closing times.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12

Closing Times by Air

Canton, (Kowloon C.P.O.) 7.30 a.m., 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 2 p.m.; (G.P.O.) 7 a.m., 9.30 a.m., Noon, 2.30 p.m.

Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Manila, (Reg.) 11 a.m., (Ord.) 11.30 a.m.

Airmail for Luchow and Kienning; Airmail for Amoy, Shanghai, Ningbo, Hankow, Tientsin and Peking, (Reg.) 2 p.m., (Ord.) 2.30 p.m.

Airmail for Swatow; Airmail for Hanoi; Airmail for Taipei, (Reg.) 2 p.m., (Ord.) 2.30 p.m.

Airmail for Bangkok, Singapore, Java, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea and Train

Macao and Tientsin, 8 a.m.

Strait, Farnt and Europe via Liverpool, (Far.) 11 a.m., (Reg.) 1.30 p.m., (Ord.) 2 p.m.

Batavia, 2 p.m.

U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America via San Francisco (No Parcel for Canada), (Far. and Reg.) 12.30 p.m., (Ord.) 1 p.m.

Hankow and Tientsin via Hanoi, 1 p.m.

Macao and Tientsin, 2 p.m.

Canton (2nd class mail only), 2 p.m.

Swatow, 2 p.m.

Shanghai, 2 p.m.

Parcels only for Canada via Vancouver B.C., 3 p.m.

Macao and Tientsin, 4 p.m.

Kowloon via Canton, 5 p.m.

Canton (Parcels and 2nd class mail), 5 p.m.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"You were winning by a mile! Why did you have to go and mention politics?"

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

The Authoritative Encyclopedia

HELP KILL THESE BLUES

EVERY FINE player wishes he could get more help in the effort to kill—as if they were snakes—the old playing rules which were so useful in Whist, when many factors had to be deduced or guessed, but which cost millions of tricks in bridge when the dummy is exposed and other information given by the bidding. Chief among these poisonous rules are "second hand low, third hand high," "cover an honour with an honour," "return your partner's suit," and "don't finesse against your partner." Plain common sense is a better guide, telling when to do the reverse of those rules and when to follow them.

"Second hand low," said West to himself as he played the 5, and dummy, the 10. East won the Q, then the 2 to the A. With his club 2 now established, South saw he could not possibly get nine tricks unless he established some spades. So he finessed the heart Q to reach his hand, then led the spade 3.

West in playing low was worse than East was in taking the first spade. If he had put in the K, he would have limited South to one spade trick—none if he ducked and then finessed.

Tomorrow's Problem

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CAKJ2

(Denier: North, East-West vulnerable.)

Has the singleton in East's hand any value, for bidding purposes?

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EAST GERMANY RESTIVE

Attempted Murder Of Communist Leaders

Growing Hostility To Soviet

Berlin, August 10.

The German Communist Party has organised a permanent "general staff" and granted it extraordinary powers to combat growing resistance in Soviet-occupied Germany, Russian-licensed press reports indicated today.

The Communists' action confirmed reports of the attempted assassination of Communist functionaries and bomb attacks on Communist headquarters buildings.

The official Communist organ, "Neues Deutschland," reporting last week on a resolution passed by the Party's Executive in Berlin, said the new super-action Committee was created to supervise the weeding-out of anti-Soviet elements and agents of the Socialist Party's "Eastern Bureau."

The "Eastern Bureau" is devoted to spying and anti-Soviet propaganda in the Soviet Zone. It is the only intelligence group known to be in operation effectively in Russian-occupied territory.

Until a month ago the Communists laughed it off, but at the recent Communist Party Congress in Berlin, the co-chairman (Otto Grotewohl) admitted that many Socialists had wormed their way into important Party posts and were sabotaging the Party's work.

The "general staff," as yet unnamed, will include representatives of industry, state and economic organisations, labour unions, and "mass organisations" such as the Youth and Women's groups, according to the "Neues Deutschland."

The paper admitted in an editorial that there had been trouble in Plauen, where a Communist Party meeting broke up in confusion, and in a Mecklenburg factory, where at least one worker was identified by his papers as an "Eastern Bureau" agent.—United Press.

BRITONS DRINK MORE—MILK

London, August 10.

Britons are drinking nearly twice as much milk as they did before the war—when they can get it.

May sales, unrationed for the last half of the month, set an all time record for consumption: 145,000,000 gallons, the National Milk Marketing Board reported.

These sales were 80 per cent higher than in May 1939.

Milk rationing for adults are 2 1/2 pints per week. Children under 16 get slightly more.—Associated Press.

RAGMAN'S APPEAL

Shanghai, August 11.

A ragpicker has appealed to Mayor K.C. Wu of Shanghai for return of a diamond he found in the garbage can.

The ragpicker, unnamed in a police report, issued yesterday, had tried to sell the diamond.—Associated Press.

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U.S. Army Depot Explosion

Manila August 11.

Four were killed and 23 wounded in a series of bomb explosions at Bauan, Batangas on August 9. The dead and injured were labourers demilitarising ammunition at the small U.S. Army Depot 35 miles south of Manila.

The Manila Times reported that about 100 bombs exploded. A number of houses were demolished, a schoolhouse and a concrete church badly damaged while the earth-shaking blast opened 20 foot cracks in the ground.

The Philippine Government has ordered Provincial Prosecutor and Constabulary Commander at Bauan to investigate the accident and fix responsibility. The blasts were said to have occurred while workmen of John Lo Trading Company of Philadelphia were removing explosives from the bombs.—Associated Press.

Harriman In Brussels

Brussels, August 10.

Mr. Averell Harriman, the United States Marshal Plan roving Ambassador arrived in Brussels tonight by air from Paris. He said he would discuss with Belgian officials any problems relating to the application of the European recovery programme.

Tomorrow, he will meet the Prime Minister, M. Paul Henri Spaak, the Minister of Food and the administrator of the Marshall Plan in Belgium, M. Moens de Fernin, and the Minister for Foreign Trade, Baron Van Der Straten Wallet. Mr. Harriman will return to Paris on Thursday.—Reuter.

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SWOOP ON GERMAN RESISTANCE GROUP

Berlin, August 10.

The Soviet secret police were reported today to have arrested 38 members of a German resistance group operating inside uranium ore mines in the Erz mountains near the Czech border.

Western Allied sources close to the problem of Russian relations in Germany, reported the discovery of an underground organisation in the uranium mines where Soviet work has been carried out under one of the most rigid post-war security blackouts.

Information reached Western sources that the resistance group had established an underground railway for escape to Western Germany of slave labourers in the mines.

The underground leadership was said to be in the hands of the members of the "Free Germany" group, organised by Russia as an anti-Nazi element. The leader was Marshal Friedrich von Paulus, commander of the German Sixth Army which was destroyed at Stalingrad.

A resistance cell in the mine was reported to have engaged in certain sabotage such as mining machinery before the Soviet secret police arrested the leaders.

The same Allied sources received reports that a month ago, the Soviet military court convicted 21 Germans of bombing the Soviet Army and Communist headquarters in Saxony. Most of them were reported to have been sentenced to 25 years' imprisonment, which is the maximum penalty since the abolition of the death penalty by the Russians.—United Press.

GETTING READY FOR THE FRAY

Washington, August 10. President Truman and the Republican Presidential nominee, Governor Thomas Dewey, are mapping final details of their campaign strategy today, but both were silent on just when and where they will begin.

White House advisers were said to be urging President Truman to accept the bid to address a Labour Day gathering at Detroit. They feel he should renew his attack on the Republican Congress while the record of the special session is still fresh in the voters' minds.

The President's special bullet-proof railroad car is being overhauled at a Navy gun factory in Washington, presumably in preparation for a campaign trip.

Mr. Truman's tentative itinerary calls for a visit to New England, parts of the South and Midwest and possibly the West Coast again.

Dewey wound up a five-week "political" vacation at his Pawling, New York, farm and said he has two major campaign speeches about to be finished. He refused to say what subjects they dealt with or where he will deliver them.

Elsewhere in politics some 35,000 negroes are expected to vote in today's Democratic primary in South Carolina. A recent Federal court ruling opened the party primary to negroes.—United Press.

CHENG TU SLEEPING SICKNESS

Shanghai, August 11.

Chinese despatches from Chengtu today said cases of sleeping sickness have been reported among cadets of Chengtu Military Academy. Reports gave no figures.

Doctor Pailhsin, medical officer of the Academy, said the disease belongs to the so-called Japanese "B" type which is more deadly than the St. Louis "B" type.

The Japanese type has a death rate of 60 to 70 per cent compared with 26 per cent of the St. Louis type.—Associated Press.

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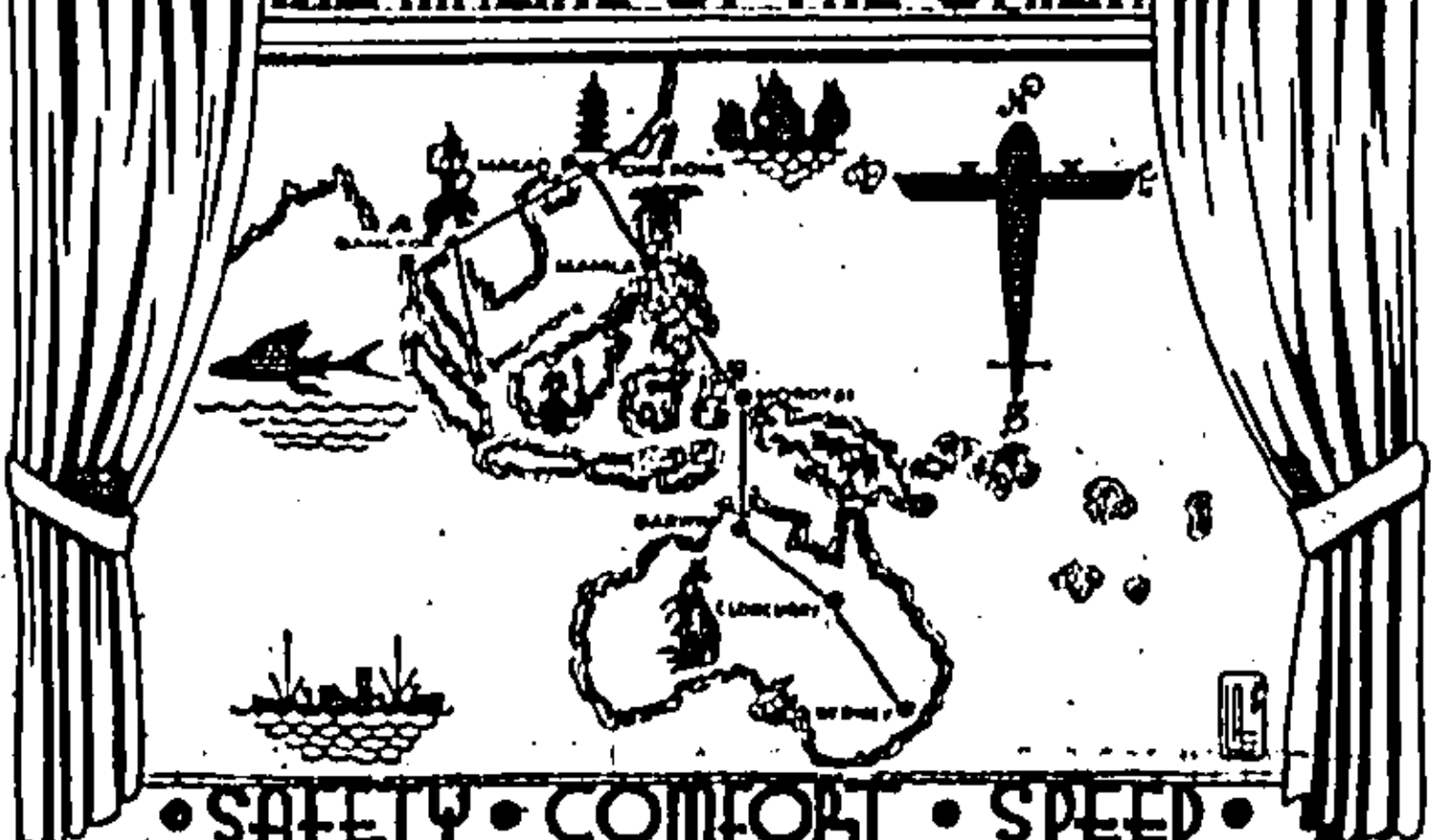
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Funeral Service of Winifred Gardiner will be held to-day 5.30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.

SIMPSON CASE

That section of public opinion which expressed itself forcefully in the Simpson case against the severity of the sentence is hardly likely to be more satisfied with the modified prison term than it was with the original. Between two years and fourteen months there appears to be an appreciable gap. Fundamentally, however, the difference is unimportant. In all the circumstances, it remains a punitive sentence and the mental anguish of a man described by Government medical men as on the border of insanity goes undiminished. The general expectation was that if the quality of mercy was to be exercised at all in this most unusual case, the prison sentence would be reduced to a token committal, and the man be quietly shipped out. So many factors are involved beyond the central fact that Simpson pleaded guilty to the acceptance of a bribe that it is possible that some such step may yet be taken. It is still within the province of the Governor to remit all or any part of the sentence on petition.

Blockade!

Reports of a threat to blockade Hong Kong, as a sanction to compel our adherence to the Anti-Smuggling Pact as interpreted in Nanking, lack official confirmation or support. Undoubtedly the issue is again being pressed by the Chinese Government, but we venture to believe that Anglo-Chinese relations remain sound enough to prohibit the creation of an atmosphere of friction. Not that what is termed a "blockade" would alter matters tremendously. China's trade restrictions are so prohibitive of any large-scale business transactions anyway that duress through trade channels would be more offensive than effective. Moreover, an attempt to carry out a threat of this kind would require to be implemented by such measures for the purpose of enforcement that the Anti-Smuggling Pact would be entirely superfluous. China has looked to Hong Kong for co-operation in the prevention of smuggling, taking some of the trouble and responsibility off her shoulders. What assistance we have been able to render has been given willingly, and it has not by any means been small. But it would be a little too much to expect this Colony's co-operation in a blockade scheme. Ludicrous perhaps but not funny.

Moscow Talks

Little has emerged from the Moscow talks to give a definite clue to the outcome. Observers fluctuate daily between extremes of outright pessimism and high optimism. The best feature, in point of fact, that can be detected is that the talks are continuing. The three envoys, appear all of them to keep in good spirits and there has been a diminution of anti-Western attacks in the Russian-controlled Berlin newspapers. Hope for agreement rests upon the pos-

IS IT GOOD? IS IT BAD? WHY I CHANGED MY BAT

By Denis Compton

There is an old saying that we profit by our mistakes and this was forcibly impressed upon me during the recent Leeds Test. My favourite bat had been repaired and was handed to me to use in the Test. In England's second innings I decided to again take with me the wicket the bat with which I had scored over 1,500 runs this season.

To my chagrin, however, when I began to use it I discovered that it has lost its drive. The ball felt "dead" and "hard" when it struck the middle of the bat. That is why I decided to change it. Afterwards I heard people say: "Wonder why he changed bats?" Well, that is the reason.

Last week I remarked about the great future I thought lay ahead of 19-year-old Neil Harvey. He more than lived up to my predictions with a maiden century against England.

What I like about Neil is his modest manner and keenness to learn.

They tell me he has a 17-year-old brother back home in Australia who promises to become as good as Neil. If so, he must be very capable.

Train Catchers

By the way, when the Australians raced off the field after the winning hit had been made many of the Englishing groundsmen were trying to escape from the congratulations of the spectators. This was not the case. What the Aussies were more interested in was catching their last train. They were successful.

Reflecting on the Leeds Test, I cannot help but admire the way Alec Bedser has improved his batting.

"Now, Alec, it's your great chance to get a century," I said to him during the luncheon interval, and know the Surrey plan was very keen to get the coveted three figures.

But it was not to be. I think that afterwards Alec played a little too carefully, and lost his wicket when 21 runs short of his century.

So improved is Alec as a batsman, however, that he will one day achieve his ambition and get a century in a Test.

Earlier success in the England first innings meant that I sat in the pavilion with my pads on for nine hours.

"Does such a thing worry you?" is a question asked in a letter from a reader.

Keyed Up

Well, I must admit that after such a lengthy wait one does not feel so keyed up when the crease is reached, and if you check back you will find that it is rare that batsmen who go in after a big stand make runs.

Even if we did not win the Fourth Test, I managed one "victory" over the Australians. My friend Keith Miller, waggered me, offering odds of 2 to 1, that Gus Llewellyn would beat Freddie Miller. I accepted his challenge, knowing Freddie, who toured with my team of sportsmen during our soldiering in India.

Seriously, though, the Australians are the best-balanced side I've ever played against; no one could give higher praise than this.

Among my correspondence this week was an amusing letter from a schoolboy.

"During class the other day," he writes, "I noticed one of my lads, deeply engrossed in a book. He appeared so interested that I guessed it could not be the history book he was supposed to be studying. It was right. It was your book 'Playing For England'."

FUKIEN FLOOD RELIEF EFFORT

Shanghai, August 10.

The Overseas Chinese Association in Sourabaya has donated US\$15,000 for relief of flood-stricken Fukien, according to Kwangtung Province, according to Chinese press reports today.

The money is said to have been handed to the Chinese Consul General in Batavia, Mr. Chiang Chia-tung, for distribution.

Fukien will get US\$10,000, while Kwangtung will get US\$5,000.—Reuter.

PUTTING OUR INDUSTRIAL METHODS UNDER AMERICAN X-RAY

British industry becomes, or even looks like, interference, it is bad. In so far as the assistance is limited to advice, so technically good, that we cannot deny its merits, it is good. But if it seeks to change the character of British industry it is bad.

One great advantage will be that, once they come to grips with British industrial problems, the American experts may be inspired to explain them to their own countrymen and thereby remove much ignorant criticism.

By

R. COTTAM NOBLE

On the debt side there is the inevitable fear that we are opening the door to changes which will not be in the long-term interests of British industry.

There is also bound to be a danger that, if the American advisers may push our industry in the direction of becoming an ancillary to America as the main producer.

Signs Implicit

Signs of the tendency seem already implicit in the terms of the bilateral Marshall agreement, laying upon Britain the task of building stockpiles of such raw materials as the United States may need for industry after the "reasonable" requirements of our industry are met.

Another direction in which American advice will be watched narrowly is the large and vital field of labour relations. The British and American trade union

movements are at very different levels of development.

Nobody knows better than Sir Stafford Cripps how dangerous it would be to throw any spanners, however well-intentioned, or well-aimed, into our intricate labour relations machinery.

Perhaps the greatest achievement of the Anglo-American Council will turn out to be its assistance in improving the psychological relationship between the two countries without resort to drastic measures within British industry.

Just over two months ago the National Coal Board issued a report compiled by one of its production members, Mr. T. E. B. Young, as a result of his researches at first-hand into the American coal industry's methods. Apart from certain technical suggestions, Mr. Young's main conclusion was that there was no quick-result technical solution to British coal-mining problems and that the only immediate answer was more work. Mr. Young's report may prove to be the blueprint of the major findings of the new Anglo-American Council.

Churlish And Stupid

Meanwhile it would be churlish, and stupid, to pretend that British industry could not possibly benefit from a few draughts of fresh Transatlantic air.

Perhaps we have become too hidebound through success. Maybe we do not scrap out-of-date machinery as quickly and profitably as the Americans do.

There might be more than a few in time-motion studies, with their assiduous devotion to eliminating self-seconded, wasted time from industrial processes.

We already have a shining example of what all-out Anglo-American co-operation did during the war. If we can get the same team spirit in peacetime industry, the Anglo-American Council will justify itself.

CHINA HOPE FOR GREATER AID

Washington, August 10.

The US\$125,000,000 military aid fund is expected to be available to China by January, and if the Republican Party is then in power the Nationalist Government of China will make a new demand for a larger appropriation to fight Communism, according to informed sources here.

If the programme is expanded, there is a good chance it will follow the Greek and Turkish plans of having "instructors" in the field with the troops.

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The other is the Truman administration policy, granting limited aid.

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On

Moscow Talks Run Into Difficulty

No Prospect Of Early Successful Outcome

Russian Stand On Future Of Germany Unchanged

London, August 10.

The Western powers' efforts to solve the Berlin problem as a preliminary to four-power talks are meeting serious difficulties and no early end to the Moscow talks with Soviet leaders can be expected, informed quarters said in London today.

YAKS BUZZ AIRLIFT

Berlin, Aug. 10.

Two formations of Russian Yak fighter planes "buzzed" the American and British sectors of Berlin tonight in an implicit threat to force down Allied planes supplying blockaded Berlin.

About 20 of the fast Russian fighters were clearly visible as they roared in formation over the Western sectors of the city in violation of all air safety rules.

The British authorities announced that they would protest against the flight tomorrow.

Last Friday night, Russian air officials charged American and British planes with 62 violations of air safety rules in supplying Berlin, including low altitude flights over Soviet air installations.

The United States Air Force has issued a directive under which American planes might be ordered to force down Soviet planes flying along unapproved air-lanes.—United Press.

S. Carolina Primary

Columbia, South Carolina, August 10.

Senator Burnet Maybank today swung into the majority lead over four opponents as returns rolled in from the Democratic Senatorial primary, in which negroes voted freely.

Returns for 427 of the State's 1,555 precincts gave Senator Maybank 41,236 to 11,836 for former Representative W. J. Bryan Dorn, 11,443 for Neville Bennett, 4,595 for Alan Johnston and 2,912 for Marcus Stone.

The tide of Maybank votes from Charleston, where he was formerly Mayor, enabled him to establish his majority as county precincts approached the one-third mark.

Negroes voted heavily in Charleston as in other larger cities, their voting assured Maybank a primary for the first time since Reconstruction.—United Press.

BERLIN FOOD OFFICE SPLIT INTO TWO

Berlin, August 10.

The Berlin Food Committee Office finally split tonight into Western and Soviet sections, although legal unity was maintained by the appointment of a German chief for both offices.

The physical splitting of the administration will in actual fact make no difference to food distribution within the city, which ceased to be unified when the Russians applied their blockade.

Meanwhile, the British Military Government announced that the Russian authorities in Germany are imposing the "maximum difficulties" on British officials trying to arrange for the transport from Western Germany to Berlin of German prisoners of war recently repatriated from Britain.

Repatriated prisoners, whose homes are in Berlin, have been unable to complete their journey as a result of the blockade of the German capital, it was stated.

On July 21 the Russians agreed to provide a special train for the ex-prisoners "within 10 to 14 days." The Russians laid down certain conditions, to which the British agreed.

New Condition

"Within the past three days, however, the Russians imposed a new condition—that they receive a nominal list of the British ex-prisoners several days before the train is due to leave.

"This causes the maximum difficulties in the Berlin situation, it is hoped that a new set of technical difficulties will not impose further hardship on these ex-prisoners."

In Karlsruhe today, unanimous agreement was reached on the fusion of the three southwestern German states of North, West, and South Baden into the American Zone, and South, Westphalia, and South Baden in the French Zone.

If the agreement reached by the Committee of representatives of

The three Western envoys in the Soviet capital, who saw M. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Minister, last night at the Kremlin for the third time in nine days, are not likely to receive before tomorrow the Western powers' reaction to their reports on the meeting, according to diplomatic quarters here.

Authoritative circles in Moscow, Reuters correspondent reported, expect the talks to last "some time." The acceptance by Mr. Frank Roberts, the British special envoy, of an invitation to a private party on Saturday night was taken as a pointer to continued negotiations.

The Soviet Army newspaper, Red Star, meanwhile, implied that the Russian stand on Germany remained unchanged.

The development of proposals for working out a peace treaty with Germany and the organization of a Central German Government were "absolutely necessary for re-establishing the political and economic unity of that country," the paper said.

In an article regarded as a significant restatement of the Soviet position and the first in the Soviet press since the talks began, Red Star wrote of the obstacles caused by "Anglo-American monopolies endeavouring to lay hands on industry and raw material deposits in Western Germany."

Diplomatic quarters in London believed that the three Western Governments were tonight still considering whether their next move in the Moscow exchanges would be a fresh direct approach to Marshal Stalin himself or a last attempt by their representatives to hammer out with M. Molotov an agreed formula for solving the Berlin deadlock.

Duress

The length of the last meeting with the Soviet Foreign Minister and the absence of any announcement on the progress of the talks have made it clear that prolonged stiff bargaining had, so far, failed to bring agreement on means of removing the conditions of duress as a preliminary to a new four-power conference on Germany.

In spite of the official news blackout, diplomatic observers believe that there are two main causes of the Moscow impasse:

1.—The Western reluctance to admit the Soviet mark as the sole currency for Berlin.

2.—The Soviet objections to the determination of the Western powers to press ahead with the London plan for setting up a new political regime for West Germany in advance of a possible four-power conference.

Fresh Approach

Observers believe that it is only through a fresh personal approach to Marshal Stalin that it will be possible to overcome these obstacles to a solution of the Berlin crisis and "clear the way" for a new four-power conference.

It is believed in London that time is working against any bid by the Soviet Union to upset the Western powers' declared policy to create a West German Parliamentary Assembly by next month and to set up an international control of the Ruhr.

Rumours persistent last week-end suggested that the Soviet Government had made clear during the present Kremlin talks that these two principle decisions of the London six-power conference on Germany must be revised or at least scion delayed.

This, the rumours had it, was the condition on which the Soviet Union would consider inaugurating Big Four negotiations on the German problem with a relaxing of the Berlin blockade.

Provisional Constitution

Representatives of the 11 West German Prime Ministers were reported to be meeting on the Bavarian island of the Chiemsee to draft a provisional West German Constitution. This is a preliminary to convening a Parliamentary Assembly in the last week of this month.

The purpose of the Chiemsee conference was authoritatively confirmed here while political quarters commented that the moves toward the creation of a West German Government were being made ahead of the expected timetable.

Plans have been made, it was learned tonight from an authoritative source, to take a further step toward setting up the international Ruhr authority when experts from Britain, France and the United States and the Benelux countries meet in Paris at the end of this month.

With these developments in mind, observers here thought that any chance of postponing the implementation of the London six-power decisions in response to an appeal from Moscow was becoming remote as a result of the very slow progress of the conversations now taking place in the Soviet capital.—Reuters.



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Bombay Mill Area Stirring

Bombay, August 10.

Military pickets were posted in Bombay's sprawling textile mill area tonight. Additional police were rushed to the area in preparation for a token strike of the mill workers tomorrow.

The strike is sponsored by the Socialist Party with Communist support.

The strike, originally called to secure a reduction in the number of looms per weaver from six to four in two local mills, has since developed into a move to assert "the right to strike." M.—Reuters.

CONGRESS POLITICS

Washington, August 10.

President Truman today criticized the housing control bill passed by the special session of Congress and attacked Congress for deliberate neglect of the people's needs.

Mr. Truman said the measure falls "far short of the legislation which he recommended and which should have been enacted" but it would be of some help.

He said the bill provides chiefly for greater financial backing in the form of insurance for private construction but it lacks public housing and alum clearance provisions.—Associated Press.

MOSCOW RADIO ALMOST FRIENDLY

London, August 10.

Moscow Radio said today that co-operation between Russia and the United States is just as important today as it was during the war. The broadcast lauding American and Soviet collaboration was on the occasion of the anniversary of Russia's entry into the war against Japan.

The radio said that for the American people the occasion was a reminder that "without the fighting friendship and partnership of the Soviets they could not have defeated their perfidious Japanese enemy. This historic truth has a most profound bearing on the present day."

"From it the people of the Soviet Union and the United States can now draw the conclusion that collaboration between their two countries is just as essential today as it was during the war. That just as it was collaboration of the great powers that made possible the complete victory over the aggressive forces of Fascism and militarism, so collaboration can assure a stable and lasting peace at this time."

The broadcast said that while the American people realize this is the case, the fact "is not to the liking of American reactionary circles in America. These circles are bent on undermining collaboration with the Soviet Union, and sowing seeds of hatred for the Soviet Union among the American people to minimize the role of the Soviet Army."

"Anti-Soviet propaganda completely ignores the question of the close and organic connection that existed between the war against Japan and that against Italy, Germany."

The commentator then argued that the Soviet Army should actually be credited with throwing in the power which defeated Japan and said that the reactionaries were trying to build up Japan again.—United Press.

Protection Of Civilians In Wartime

Stockholm, August 10.

A new convention for the Protection of Civil Population, revision of the Geneva convention dealing with the treatment of prisoners of war, and an active Red Cross campaign will be discussed by the 17th International Red Cross Conference in Stockholm on August 20 to 30.

Mr. Fred G. Sigerist, Director of the Bureau of Information of the League of Red Cross Societies, said today 300 delegates and 300 observers of roughly 60 countries will approach the question of maintaining peace as one of the major problems today.

"Red Cross Societies first of all promote peace through their work," he said. "However, we will now also think over thoroughly whether anything can be done for international peace."

Mr. Jan Van Muel, Secretary of the International Red Cross Commission, said the experiences of World War II will be the basis for the conference deliberations, particularly as to a new convention to protect civil populations in war.—United Press.

TELEVISION IN RUSSIA

Moscow, August 10.

Soviet television sets, equipped with 20 tubes and giving an image four by five and one-half inches, have been placed on sale in Moscow.

Called the "Moskvitch T-1," the set is due for total production of 9,000 this year in Moscow, while other models are being manufactured in England.

The set will receive broadcasts from the Moscow Television Centre from four evenings weekly. Broadcasting will consist of Soviet motion pictures, theatre, performances, concerts and other entertainment.—Associated Press.

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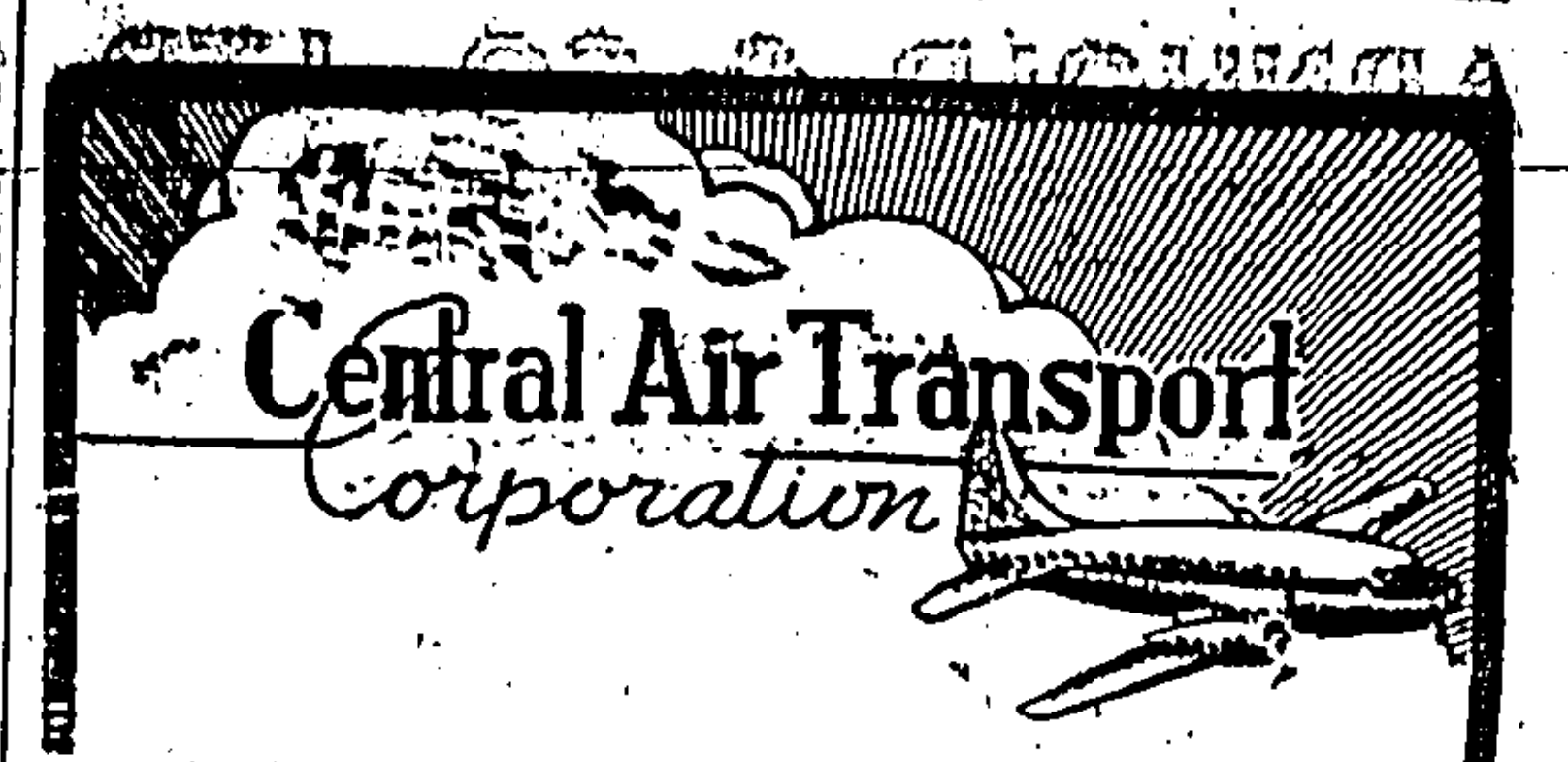
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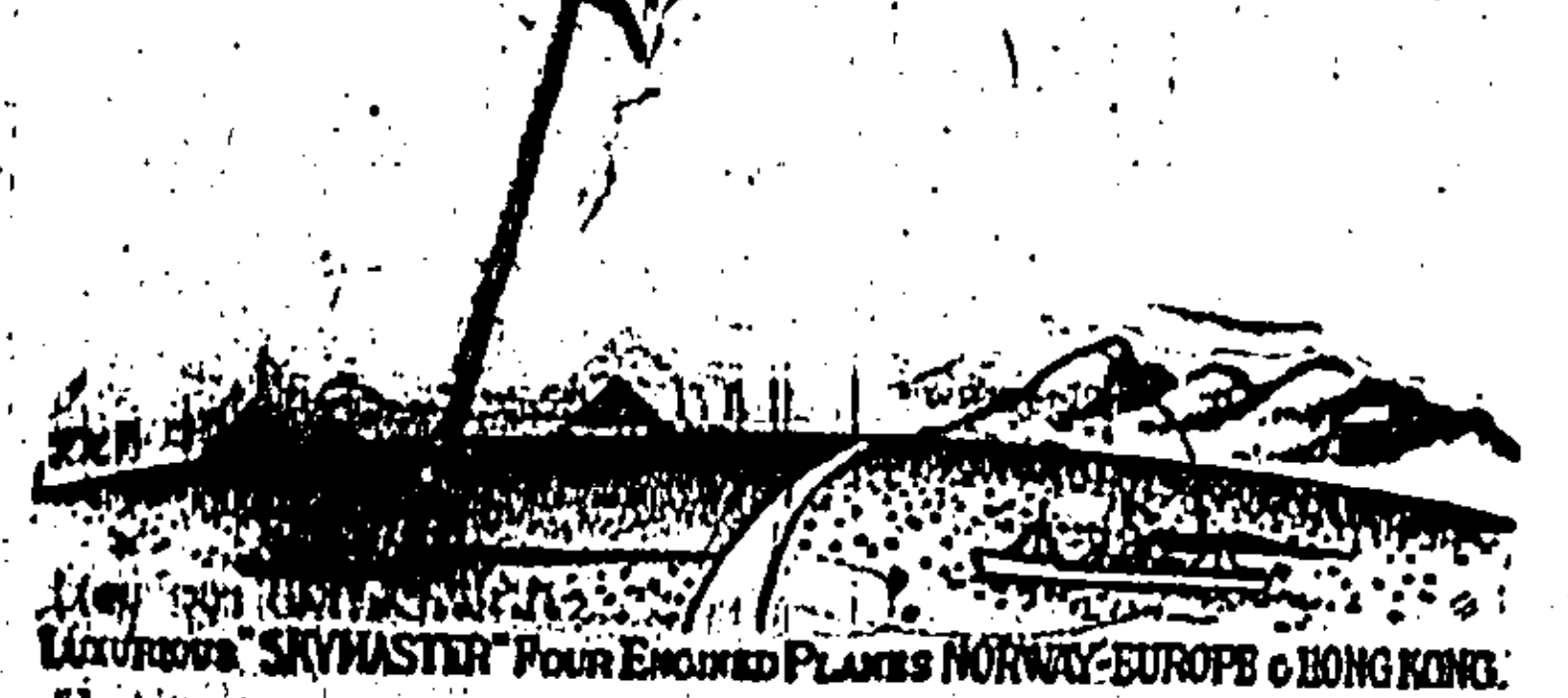
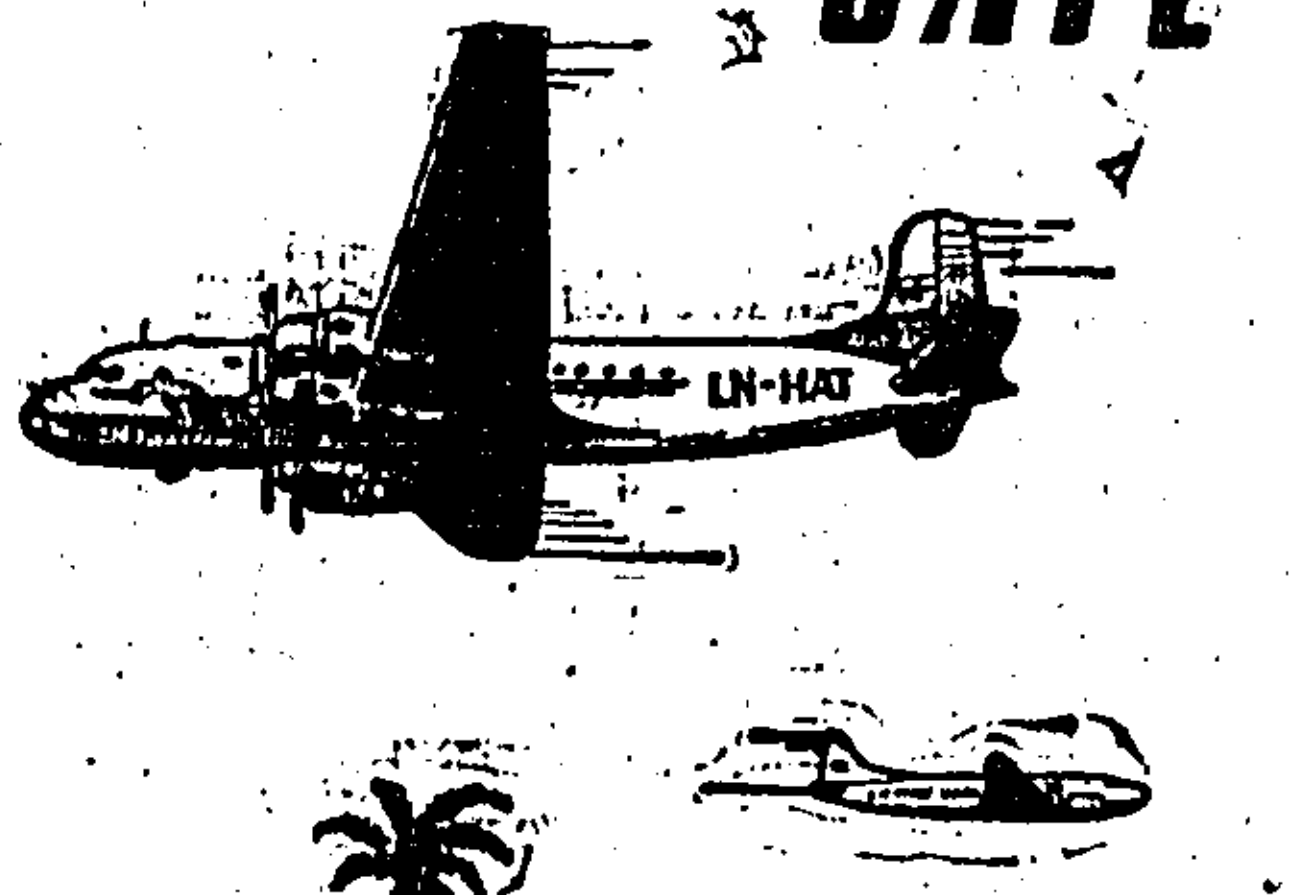
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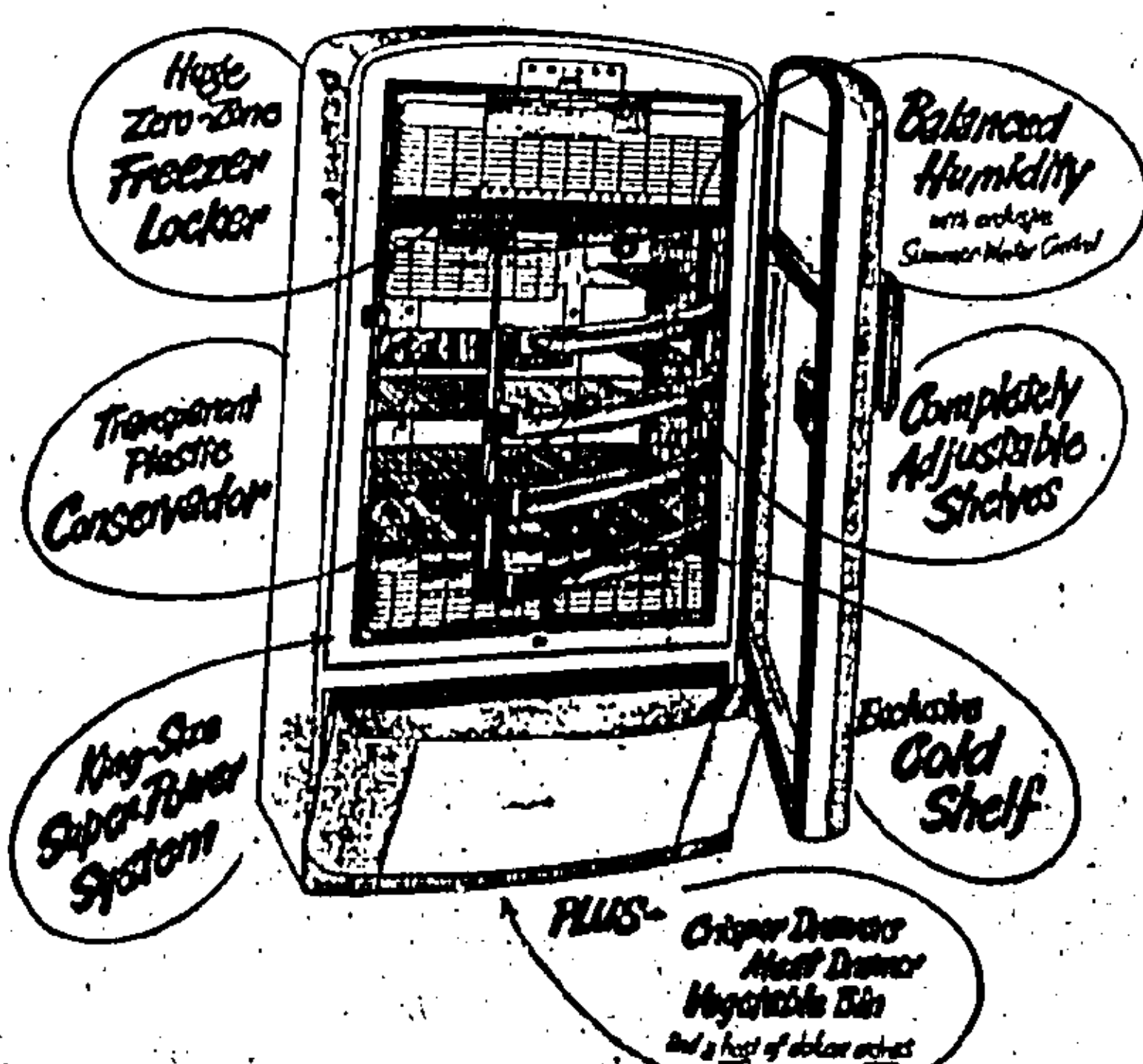
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ENGINEERING PAGE

PORTABLE HYDRAULIC PRESS

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Within the past decade, Rodgers Hydraulic Inc. of Minneapolis, Minnesota, has designed and put into mass production "Hydraulic Universal" presses that are portable, light in weight, adjustable to perform unusual jobs and powerful enough to develop up to 200 tons pressure, according to technical reports received by the Lincoln Electric Company.

The sales axiom used in the promotion of this unusual press design is "Take the press to the job" and it is most applicable for among the many jobs accomplished are gear and sprocket pulling, sleeve or bearing removing, erecting machinery, re-locating machinery, shaft straightening, wheel pressing, jacking pipe, general press work and all purpose jacking.

The Rodgers Universal presses come in eight models, each varying slightly in design and in pressure capacities, and are powered with 4-speed hand pumps (or if greater travel speed is desired they can be powered with a motor driver pump).

The Hydraulic cylinder is attached on the outside of the upper frame member by means of the back plate and rods which are a part of the standard unit. Mounting the cylinder in this fashion gives a greater amount of working space between the upper and lower frame members. The change over of the cylinder

from either the inside to the outside or vice-versa is accomplished in a matter of a very few minutes.

Big Capacity

Outstanding features of the Universal presses are tonnage capacities from 50 to 200 tons

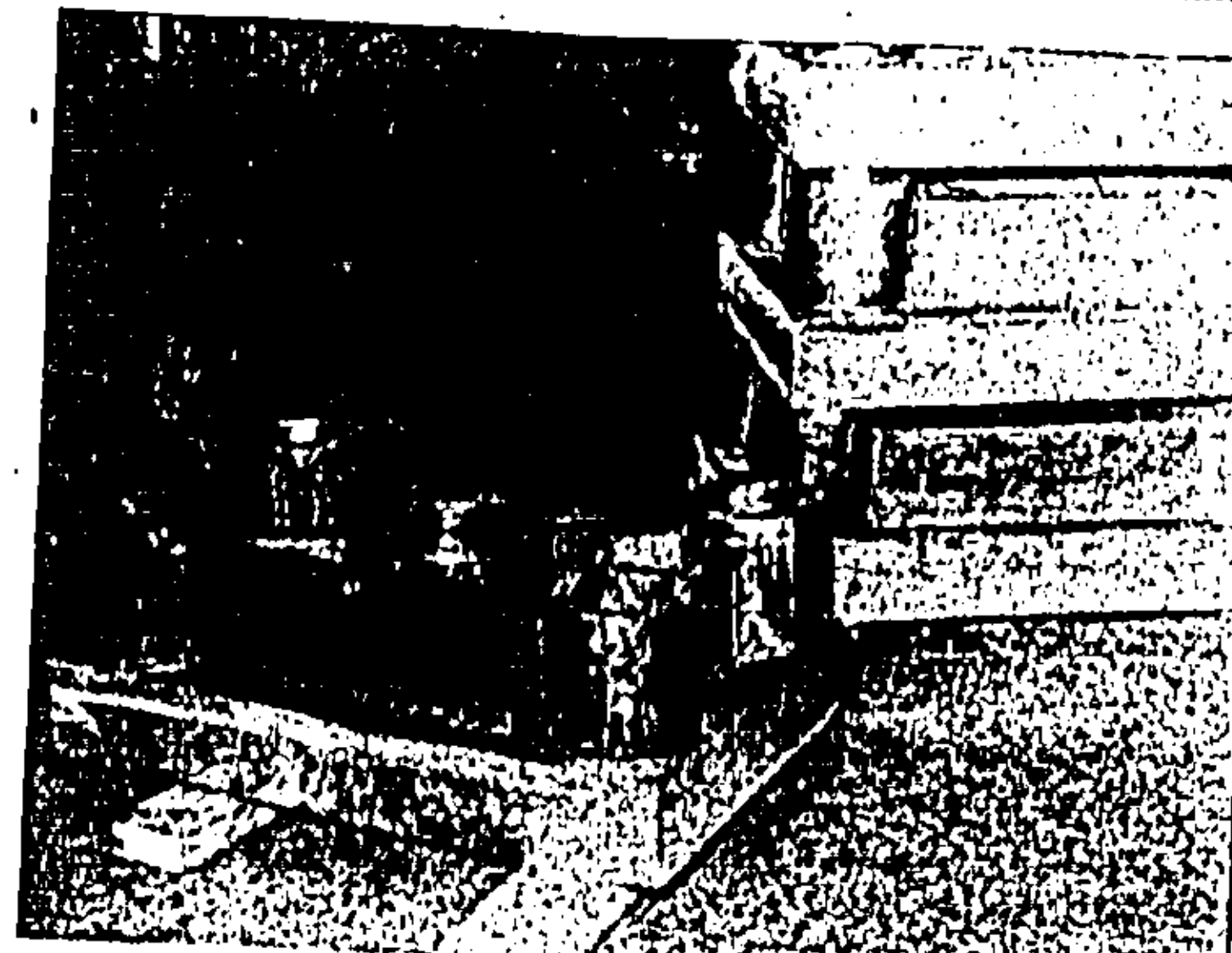
without cumbersome weight; use in any position, horizontal or vertical, or at any angle; lengthening and shortening of frame, as desired; hydraulic cylinder that may be mounted inside or outside the frame; shift on four-speed pump that gives fast ram travel under normal conditions;

Special pulling facilities gained by hydraulic cylinder back plate and rods; detachable cylinder that can be used with pump for jacking purposes; power operated pumps as well as hand operated pumps, and an all welded frame made of a special alloy steel that withstands the rigid tests which this press model is always taking.

Electric arc welding has played an important role in the production of hydraulic presses at Rodgers, for through this process it has been possible to design and fabricate rigid members and bases and provide improved appearance, as well as to reduce the overall weight and fabricating costs.

Joint preparation for the welding consisted of machining the deep grooves in the cylinders (see Fig. 1), gasflame cutting the butt and lap joints on the frame-work and gasflame cutting the heavy parts.

On other hydraulic equipment manufactured by Rodgers, welding plays a great role, extending its inherent qualities into the production of powerful machinery used throughout industry (see Fig. 2).



This is a fabricated press slide part for the "Rodgers Universal" press. The parts are seamless tubing and one and four-inch plates.

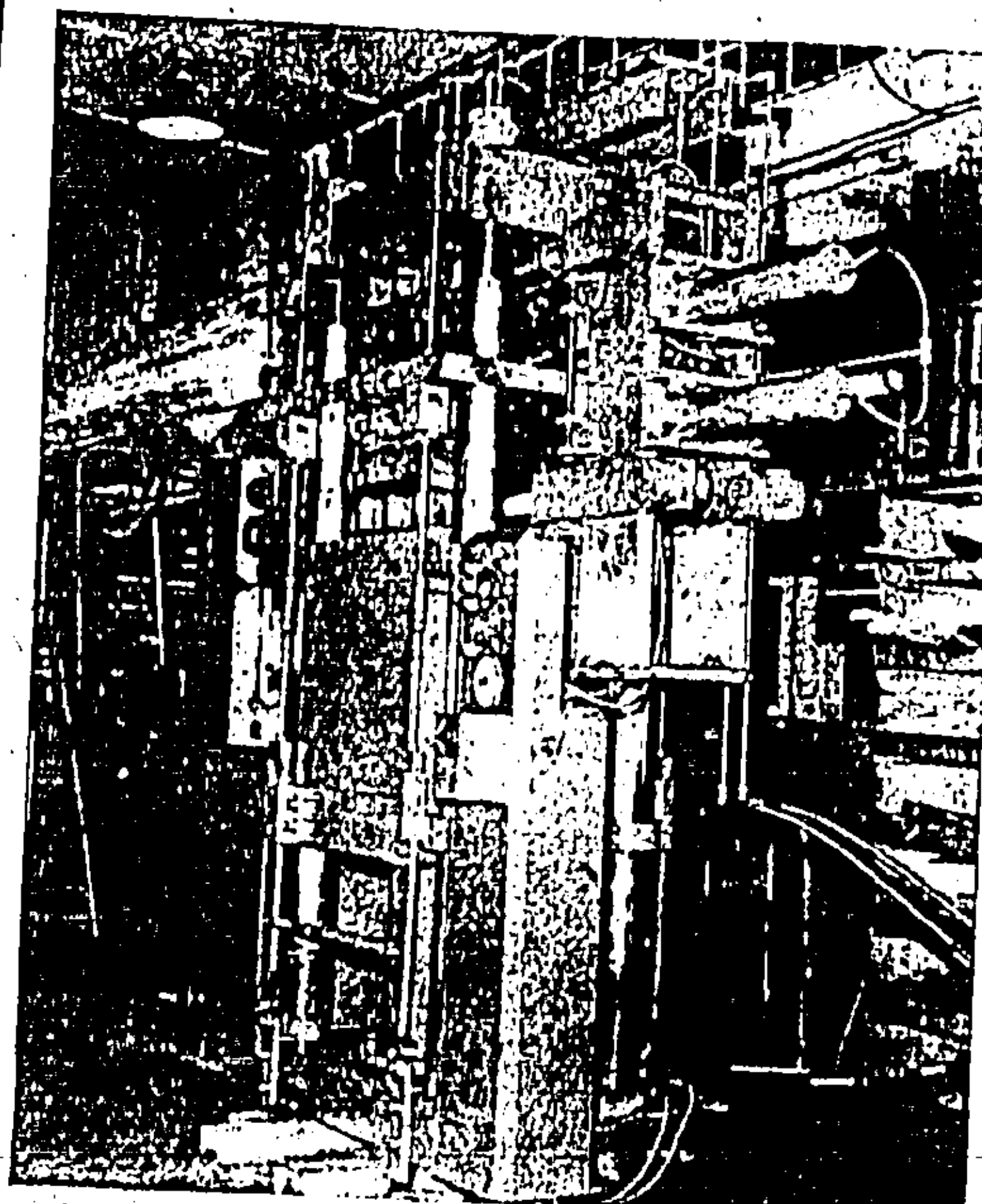
Plans For B.I.F., 1949

Plans for the 1949 British Industries Fair are well advanced; they began before the 1948 event closed its doors. Already notification forms for space have been despatched to all previous exhibitors and other interested firms. These are returnable by August 7 and enquiries already to hand indicate that the demand will be exceptionally heavy. Last year more than 600 late applicants could not be accommodated.

As already announced the B.I.F. will be held in London and Birmingham from May 2—May 13, 1949.

In 1949, as at previous Fairs, certain trade associations are co-operating with the Export Promotion Department in the arranging of uniform schemes of presentation. Participation in these special arrangements is not confined to association members and exhibitors may wish to take advantage of this and so secure full benefit from the coordinated displays.

Interested manufacturers who have not received an application form should apply immediately to either the Export Promotion Department (Exhibitions Branch), 27, Old Queen Street, London, S.W.1, or to the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, 95, New Street, Birmingham.



This is a large molding press built by the Rodgers Hydraulic Inc. this is used widely throughout industry.

All-Electric Mobile Crane

Efficient material handling depends on having the proper appliances for the job. Recognition of this fact has led to the development of specialised equipment to suit particular conditions, and where only one kind of material is handled it is often advantageous to use single-purpose appliances. But for handling a variety of loads in widely different circumstances an appliance must have the maximum adaptability. This requirement is well met by the electric runabout crane capable of lifting a load any height from a few inches to several feet, transporting it and then placing it exactly where required—all without man-handling. The high lift facilitates the loading and unloading of railway wagons and road transport, and provides for stacking.

The 10-cwt Mynde electric runabout crane recently introduced by C. H. Johnson (Machinery), Ltd., has been developed for handling miscellaneous loads by the class of labour normally employed for heavy handling. Special attention has been given to simplicity of operation and safety by making the working parts robust and foolproof, at the same time providing accessibility for maintenance. A feature of the unit is its manoeuvrability.

The unit consists of a jib crane mounted on a 2-ton long-wheel-base "Electric" truck manufactured by Crompton Parkinson, Ltd. With a load of 10-cwt the maximum permissible radius of operation is 9 ft, but 6-cwt can be handled at a radius of 13 ft. Safe load and radius indicators of the drum type are fitted to the carriage king posts to be easily visible from the operator's platform. The maximum overall height of the jib is 10 ft 6 in, and

the minimum clearance height 6 ft 9 in. Maximum ground to hook height is 13 ft. The speed of the unit is 4 1/2 m.p.h. Speed of hoisting is 60 ft per min.

Lattice Type

The crane with the truck weighs 2 tons 12-cwt. Both the lattice-type jib and the carriage are of welded construction. The hoisting machinery is enclosed in the carriage. A 2 1/2 h.p. totally enclosed motor drives the hoist through a directly coupled totally enclosed fan-cooled worm reduction gear box. An electric-magnetic brake acts on the periphery of the coupling. The drive from the gear box to the drum is through a pair of machine-cut spur gears. The drum itself is of cast-iron, grey iron, with deep flanges. It is mounted on a mild steel shaft running in ball bearing plummer blocks.

Hoisting and lowering are controlled by a reversing drum-type controller with three steps in each direction. It is fitted with an in-built self-resetting circuit-breaker, which in the event of overwinding is tripped by a limit switch attached to the jib catch and operated by a ball on the fall.

The working parts are enclosed to ensure safety and exclude dirt and moisture, but where easy access for maintenance is essential the sheetmetal enclosure plates are fitted with quick-release fasteners.

Pivot Bearings

The jib is mounted on pivot bearings bolted to the king post of the carriage, and its rear end is fitted with rope sheaves around which the lifting rope is arranged to form a double purchase. A hand wheel drives the jib jacking

Also, the receiver incorporates a recently developed high gain radio-frequency stage which ensures sensitivity of all wave lengths. This greatly improves the signal-to-noise ratio and confers a marked increase in selectivity.

The intermediate frequency chosen, 452 kilocycles, effectively eliminates second channel interference. Compensation for station fading is provided for by an efficient system of automatic delayed volume control. Tone control is such that background noise and side band interference are eliminated without impairing the quality of the tone.

One of the most important features of all the Mullard sets is that they are fully tropicalised and have been made to withstand extremes of temperature and humidity.

There are various designs of cabinets, and these can be adapted for many purposes but if the particular design which is required is not available, the agents are prepared to draw up designs for individual specifications and have radiograms constructed with all the features described above.

A 320-ampere-hour battery provides power for both the hoist motor and the truck motor. The battery is in two sections, fitted into sliding carriages, with roller bearing supports, to give immediate accessibility for inspection and servicing. One full charge of the battery allows for some 10 hours operation at a cost for electricity of about 1s/10d at average British rates.

A special feature of this crane unit is that the crane can readily be removed from the truck, which can then be used separately. To facilitate removal of the crane from the truck the hoist motor is connected to the control cubicle through a special withdrawal plug so that no permanent connections have to be undone.

Mullard Back Again

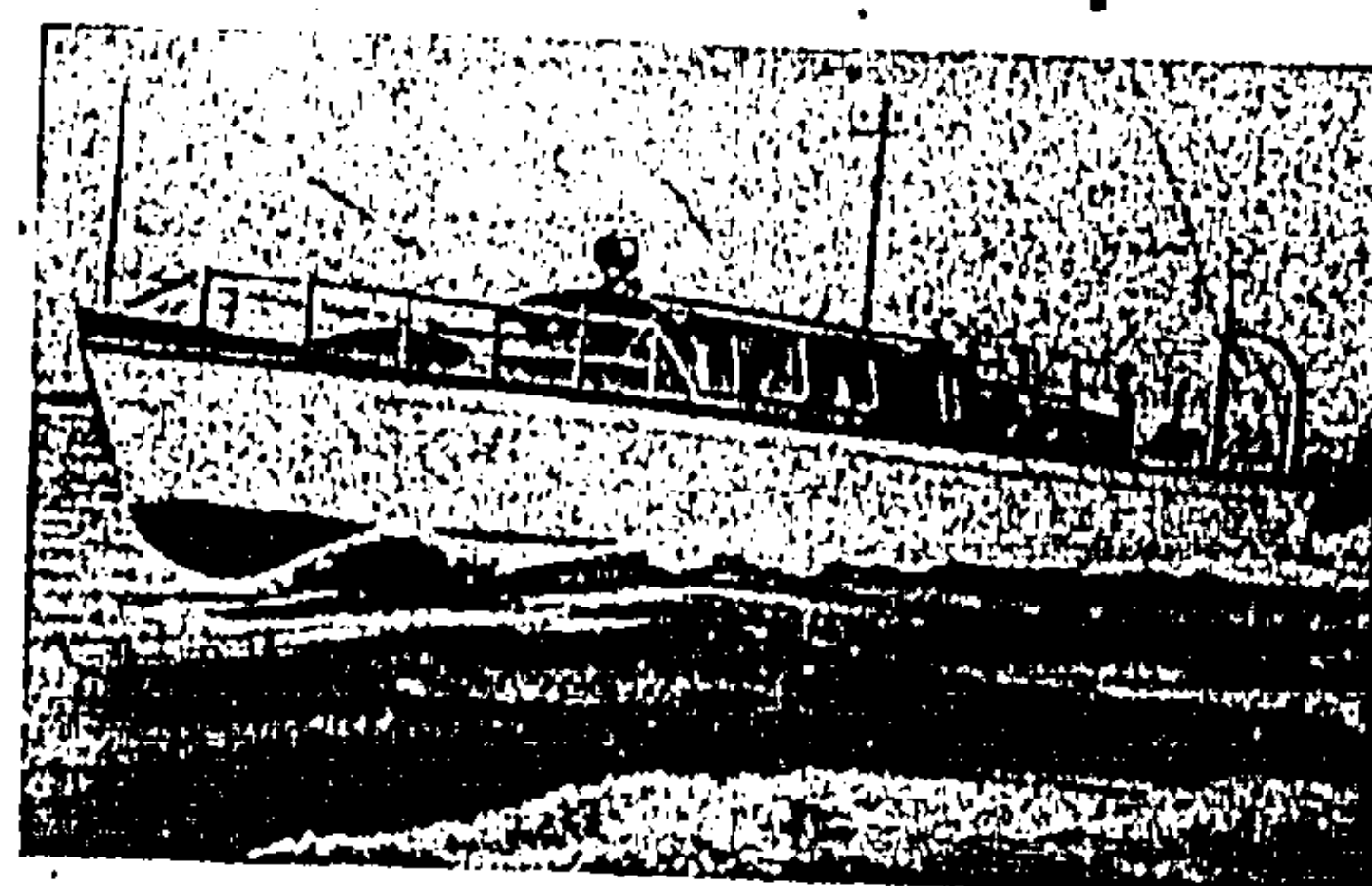
The well known Mullard wireless receiving sets which have been absent from this market for many years due to the war, have now arrived. Everyone will remember the name Mullard in connection with their wartime electronic achievements when they were throwing the whole of their organisation into the war effort.

As a result of these many years of research and experiment, Mullard have succeeded in manufacturing sets of the highest possible stability and performance, and these are the sets which have now arrived in Hong Kong. The local agents have displayed sets in the Gloucester Arcade and this display is still continuing.

In addition to the sets, Mullard radiograms are also on show and include many innovations. There are 3 models, which are fitted with such refinements as automatically sliding record changers, 11-valve Mullard receiving sets and, in addition, the cabinets are constructed from matched grain Burma teak which is thoroughly tried and seasoned to prevent warping. All the models are fitted with Garrard RC-65 automatic record changers which play 3 records, 8" and 10" in any order. Another attractive feature is that twin matched speakers of 12" and 8" dimensions are incorporated in the radiogram.



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YUGOSLAVIA WARNED

Soviet Satellites May Attempt Pressure Economic Sanctions A Possibility

Prague, August 10.

The Eastern European Governments are considering economic pressure on Yugoslavia, it was reliably learned here today. The Cominform's quarrel with Marshal Tito and the Yugoslav Communists, hitherto kept carefully on party level, is becoming an affair of Governments. Czechoslovakia, it was stated here, is already tightening up controls on trade with Yugoslavia. A reliable informant said the control will amount to sanctions.

Yugoslavia will, in future, have great difficulty in securing import permits from Czechoslovakia, and Czechoslovakia trading corporations—all now under State control—will hold up exports to Yugoslavia except for the fulfillment of partly completed orders for goods which cannot be disposed of elsewhere.

The reaction here is regretful. Many plans are having to be altered to meet the new circumstances, but well-informed sources say there is no alternative.

Although Marshal Tito's delegates have voted with the Soviet Union in the Danube Conference in Belgrade, thus preserving a semblance of inter-governmental co-operation, Marshal Tito's failure to respond to the Cominform's arguments are forcing the Communist Governments into action over a wider field.

An indication of the Cominform's attitude being transferred to higher levels came last week when the Czechoslovak travel agency confirmed that the Ministry of Social Welfare had stopped the issue of passports and permits for Yugoslav visits and had ordered the cessation of workers' holidays there.

Purchase Of Oil

Yugoslavia, faced by unofficial oil sanctions imposed by Albania and Rumania, has concluded a purchase of oil believed to total 10 million tons from the Anglo-Franco Oil Company, it was authoritatively learned in London today.

Although British oil officials in London described this purchase as not entirely unprecedented, diplomatic observers reported that linked with the reported Yugoslav attempts to purchase oil through Trieste, it indicated the difficulties facing Yugoslavia as a result of the first moves of the Cominform countries of Eastern Europe to apply concealment sanctions.

These sanctions are clearly intended either:

1. To warn Marshal Tito of the dangers of persisting in his refusal to admit the charges brought against him by the Cominform or to make a public recantation.

2. If this fails, to create an economic crisis in Yugoslavia which would force a change of Government.

No Open Repudiation

The sanctions will probably not involve an open repudiation of the trade treaties, which Yugoslavia has concluded with practically all the countries behind the Iron Curtain.

They will more probably take the form already suggested of difficulties over export permits, delays in deliveries and a multiplication of technical obstacles to trading.

In reply, London quarters suggest, Marshal Tito's Government may well look out for increased opportunities for trading with Western Europe and Britain on a basis of individual deals rather than on long-term trade agreements.

At the same time, it will, on every occasion, stress that while trading with the West, Yugoslavia fully maintains her political independence and—so long as she is permitted to do so—her loyalty to the Soviet Union.

The British Government, it is believed, fully approved the Anglo-Franco Company's decision to supply oil to Yugoslavia. This is some indication of the attitude likely to be taken by Britain if Yugoslavia tries to extend her trade with Britain in other directions, diplomatic quarters believed.—Reuter.

Blanket Over

BIG FOUR TALKS ON COLONIES

London, August 10.

The Conference of special deputies of the "Big Four" Foreign Ministers on the disposal of the former Italian Empire decided to withhold from the press the news of today's session.

JERUSALEM CLASHES

Jerusalem, August 10.

A night of heavy sniping and machine gunning preceded Count Folke Bernadotte's talks today on the demilitarisation of the Holy City and associated problems.

The Count reached Jerusalem on Monday, his fourth visit to the city since his appointment as United Nations mediator.

During the night, an official Jewish source said today, Egyptian troops to the south of Jerusalem attacked the Jewish-held Ramat Rachel settlement with machine guns and mortars, and the Jewish garrison returned the fire.

Two inch and three inch mortar bombs were fired—as on the previous night—at Jewish positions on Mount Zion, and Arab Legionnaires threw a number of hand grenades at Jewish positions in the Notre Dame compound near the North Western edge of the Arab held old city.

Shots from the old city's wall killed one Jew.—Associated Press.

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

Paris, August 9.

Slight differences of opinion among the Marshall Plan nations may delay a report expected next week on inter-European commercial exchanges and balance of payments, it was reported here tonight.

The French news agency, quoting circles close to Mr. Averell Harriman, the Marshall Plan roving ambassador, said the differences concerned technical aspects of the balance of payments problem. The sources declined to name the nations in disagreement, but said that there were strong hopes of reconciling them.—Reuter.

Something In Japan's Air

Yokohama, August 10.

American consular officials reported today that nearly 2,000 children a year are being born to American occupation personnel in Japan and Okinawa.

The officials said a total of 910 children were reported as being born to American occupation personnel during the first six months of 1948. Boys outnumbered girls by 472 to 444, or 51.6 per cent boys compared with 48.4 per cent girls.

Of the total, 59.4 per cent were born to army officers and enlisted personnel, 20.4 per cent to air force personnel, 17.8 per cent to army department civilian employees and 2.6 per cent to navy personnel.

The total included five pairs of twins.—United Press.

Plans For Juliana's Investiture

The Hague, August 10.

At the Royal investiture of Her Royal Highness, Princess Juliana, as Queen of the Netherlands on September 6, the Crown Prince and Princess of Sweden will represent the chief of state.

Among other representatives of chiefs of state will be: The Crown Prince and Princess of Norway, Prince Axel and Margarethe of Denmark.

Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret Rose will represent King George of England. His Royal Highness Prince Jean, the heir to the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, will represent the Grand Duchess of Luxembourg.

Princess Juliana takes over after Queen Wilhelmina's official abdication on September 4.

The installation of the new Queen will be an "investiture" and not a coronation. A coronation is a religious dedication which can only be performed by the authorities of a state church which Holland does not have in contrast with Great Britain and the Scandinavian countries.

The tradition goes back to 1815 when William the First was inaugurated as the first King. To avoid any religious conflict the ceremony was made secular in character.

After the abdication of Queen Wilhelmina, the new Queen will make her first official tour of Amsterdam in the afternoon of September 4 and drive in a cream coloured Calash, present of the late Queen Emma to Wilhelmina when she was invested in 1890.

Officers of former Cavalry Regiments in ceremonial dress and a mounted Guard of Honour of Amsterdam citizens in ceremonial robes will accompany the carriage on its 11 kilometres drive.—Associated Press.

CANADIAN SEAMEN SEEK AID

Montreal, August 10.

The Canadian Seamen's Union has requested the International Transport Workers Federation for support against shipping lines "seeking to subvert free trade unionism in Canada."

The Union's National Executive said today that its appeal was directed through the Federation to all the maritime unions in the world.—Reuter.

METALLIC COINAGE IN CANTON

Canton, August 11.

Silver and copper coins are again being used in some outlying areas of Kwangtung province, it is reported here, and the currency is said to be ousting the continually depreciating national banknotes.

One of the places where these coins are in use once more is Lok Cheung, a North River county near Shaokwun, the wartime capital of Kwangtung.

There, one copper coin is reported to be fetching CN\$50,000, while silver coins are being used for the purchase of rice and grain.

A pile of rice there is reported to be worth five silver dollars, while a similar quantity of grain costs Silver \$3.60.

Meanwhile, the stringency of cash continues in Canton.—Reuter.

despite the fact that big-denomination notes have been released for circulation.

To ease the situation, it is reported that Customs Gold Units to the value of CN\$1,000,000 each are to be issued for the first time here.

This is expected to push the blackmarket rate of the Hong Kong dollar up. At one time, the Hong Kong dollar was worth well over CN\$1,000,000. At present it is a couple of hundred thousand dollars below the one million mark.—Reuter.

POWERS HIT BACK AT YUGOSLAVIA

Lake Success, August 10.

Sir Alexander Cadogan, the British permanent representative at the United Nations, refuting the Yugoslav charges on Trieste, told the Security Council here tonight that the most sinister feature of the Yugoslav-occupied Zone was the police system, which had reduced that Zone to "a police state."

The American delegate, Dr. Philip Jessup, had earlier dismissed the Yugoslav charges that certain economic and financial agreements, recently concluded between the Anglo-American Zone and the Italian Government, violated the Italian peace treaty by allegedly incorporating the Zone in the Italian economy.

He said they were based on the "filmsiest of foundations."

Sir Alexander read a quotation which accused the Yugoslav Minister of the Interior of "terrorism and repression". He added drily that he was quoting from Soviet newspapers.

M. Jacob Malik, for Russia, replied tartly that Sir Alexander was merely trying a "manoeuvre" to confuse the issue. M. Malik proceeded with a lengthy and whole-hearted support of the Yugoslav case.

Dr. Jessup told the Security Council that the latest report of General Airey, the Military Commander of the Anglo-American Zone, clearly showed that under Article 11 of the peace treaty, the Italian lira must continue to be the legal currency in Trieste.

Unsound Contention

Moreover, Dr. Jessup added that the Council of Foreign Ministers had itself unanimously accepted the necessity of continuing the exclusive arrangements with Italy until a Government had sufficient time to establish an independent economic regime.

"It is clear that the Yugoslav charges rest on an unsound legal contention," Dr. Jessup said. If the Council had any doubt on this point the United States would gladly submit the whole question to the International Court of Justice at The Hague.

The burden of keeping the Zone alive had been borne by the United States, British and Italian Governments, and it could not be borne indefinitely.

Dr. Jessup said that the treaty had proved unsatisfactory and it was time that it was revised by peaceful negotiation. He hoped the Soviet Government would agree to hold talks for such a revision.—Reuter.

FIRE-EATER

Bangkok, August 9.

An amateur fire eater is undergoing treatment at Bangkok's Central Hospital for internal burns.

It was all a mistake, he says.

At a farewell banquet for a friend he mistook a red hot coal for a piece of red roast pork and popped it into his mouth with his chopsticks.—Associated Press.

SOVIET ACTIVITY IN ROME

Rome, August 10.

M. Mikhail Kostylev, the Soviet Ambassador to Rome, called on Count Carlo Sforza, the Italian Foreign Minister, today for the second time in a week.

It was understood that among the subjects discussed was the forthcoming journey to Moscow of an Italian trade mission headed by Signor La Malfa, the Minister of Reconstruction.

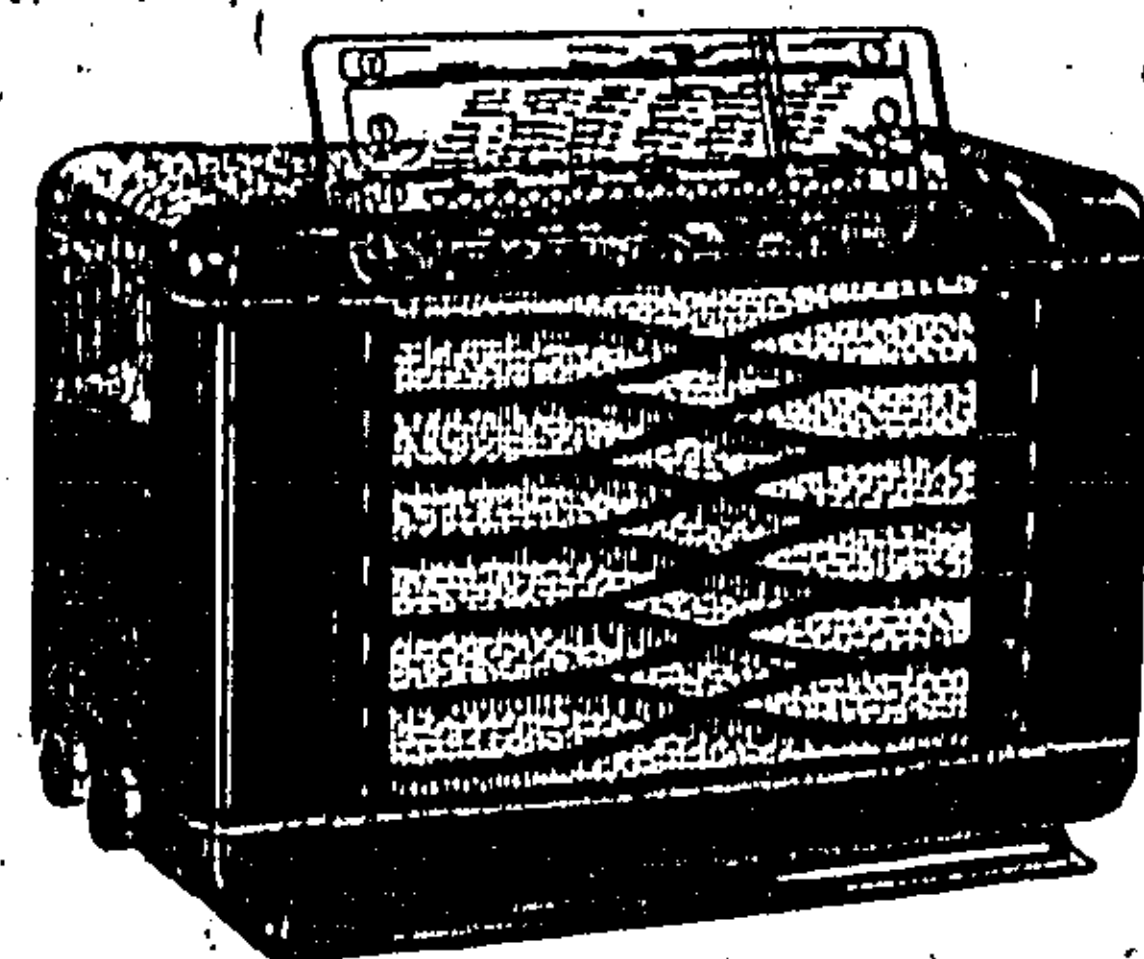
The question of the handing over of the Italian naval vessels due to Russia under the peace treaty and possibly the recent Italian note on navigation of the Danube were also thought to have been discussed.

Signor La Malfa said tonight that grain would be one of the commodities which Italy might request of Russia.—Reuter.

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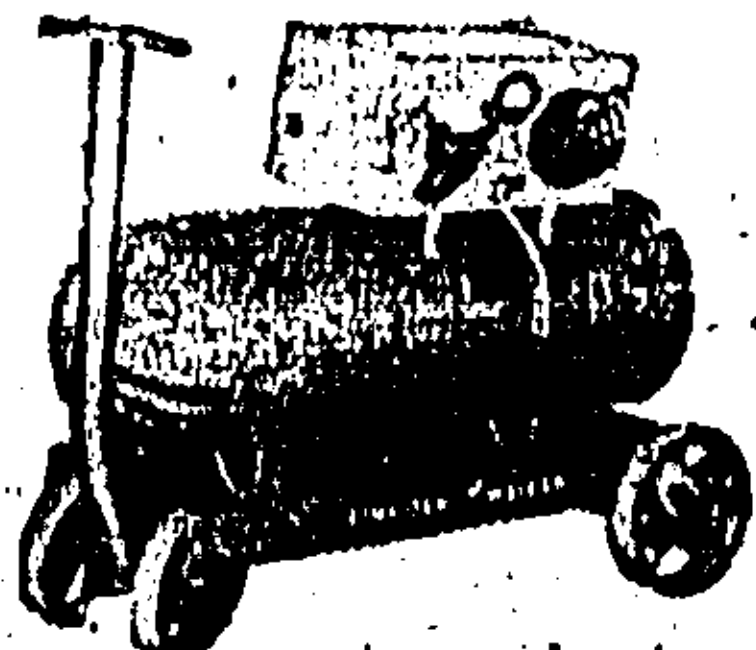
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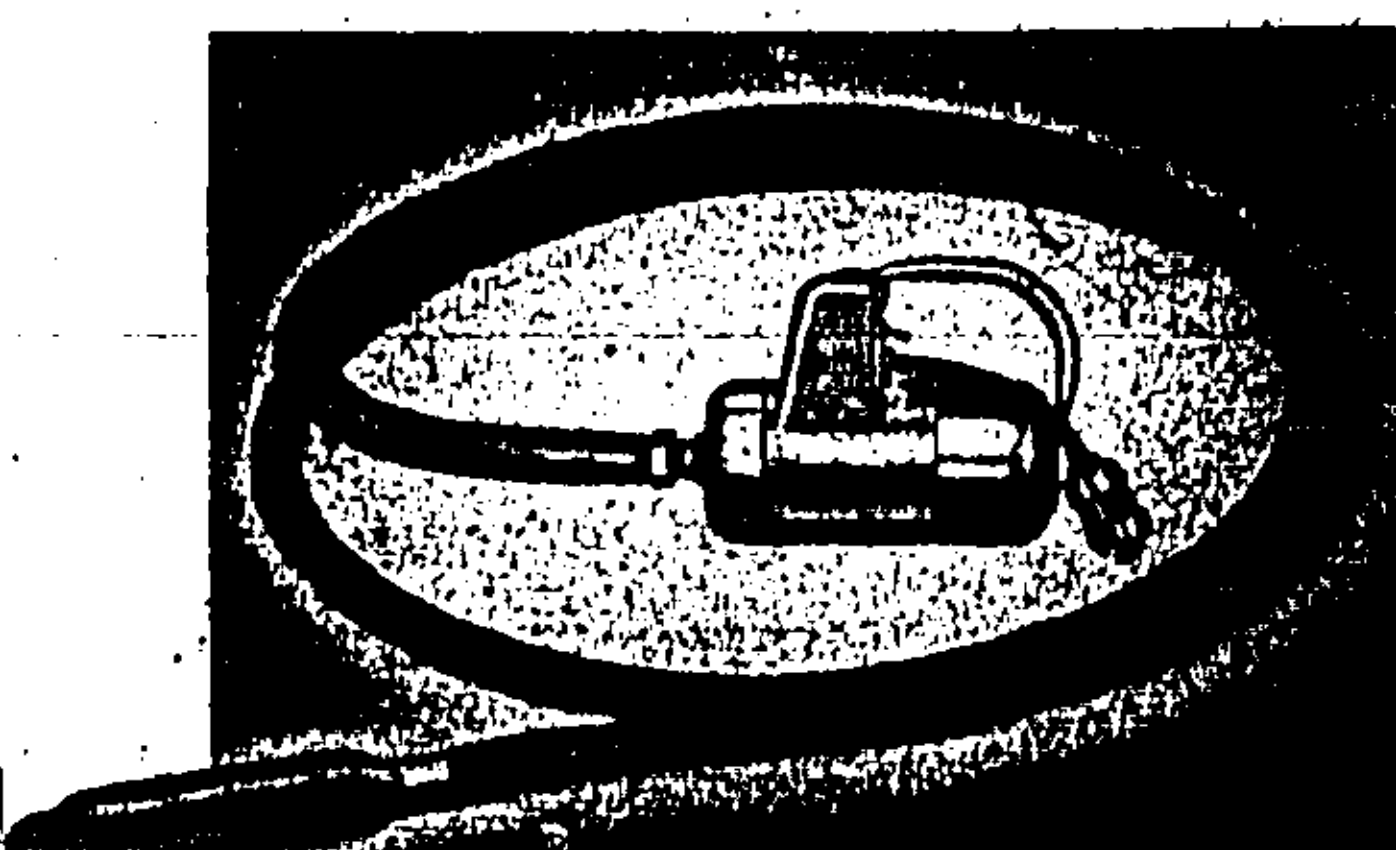
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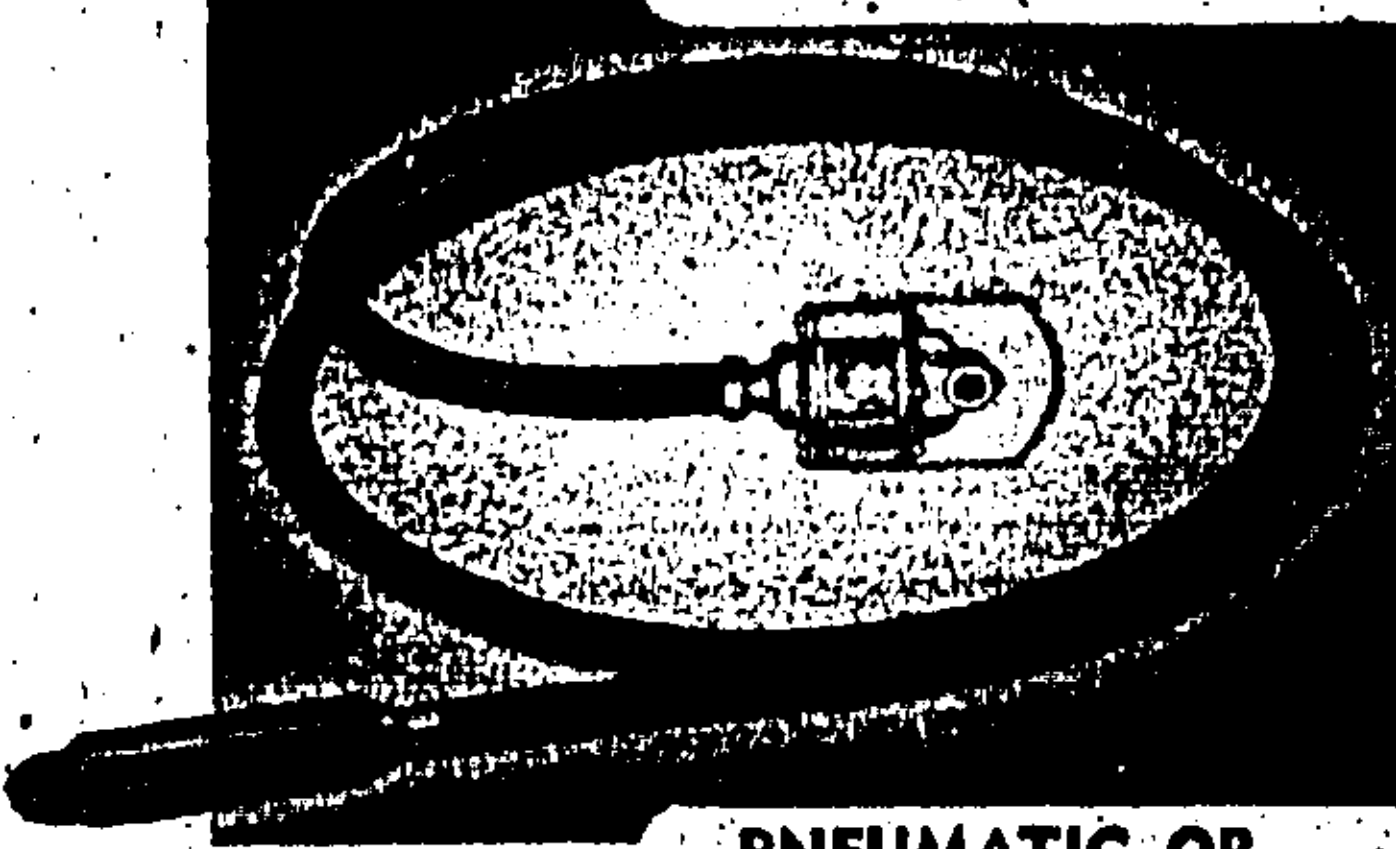
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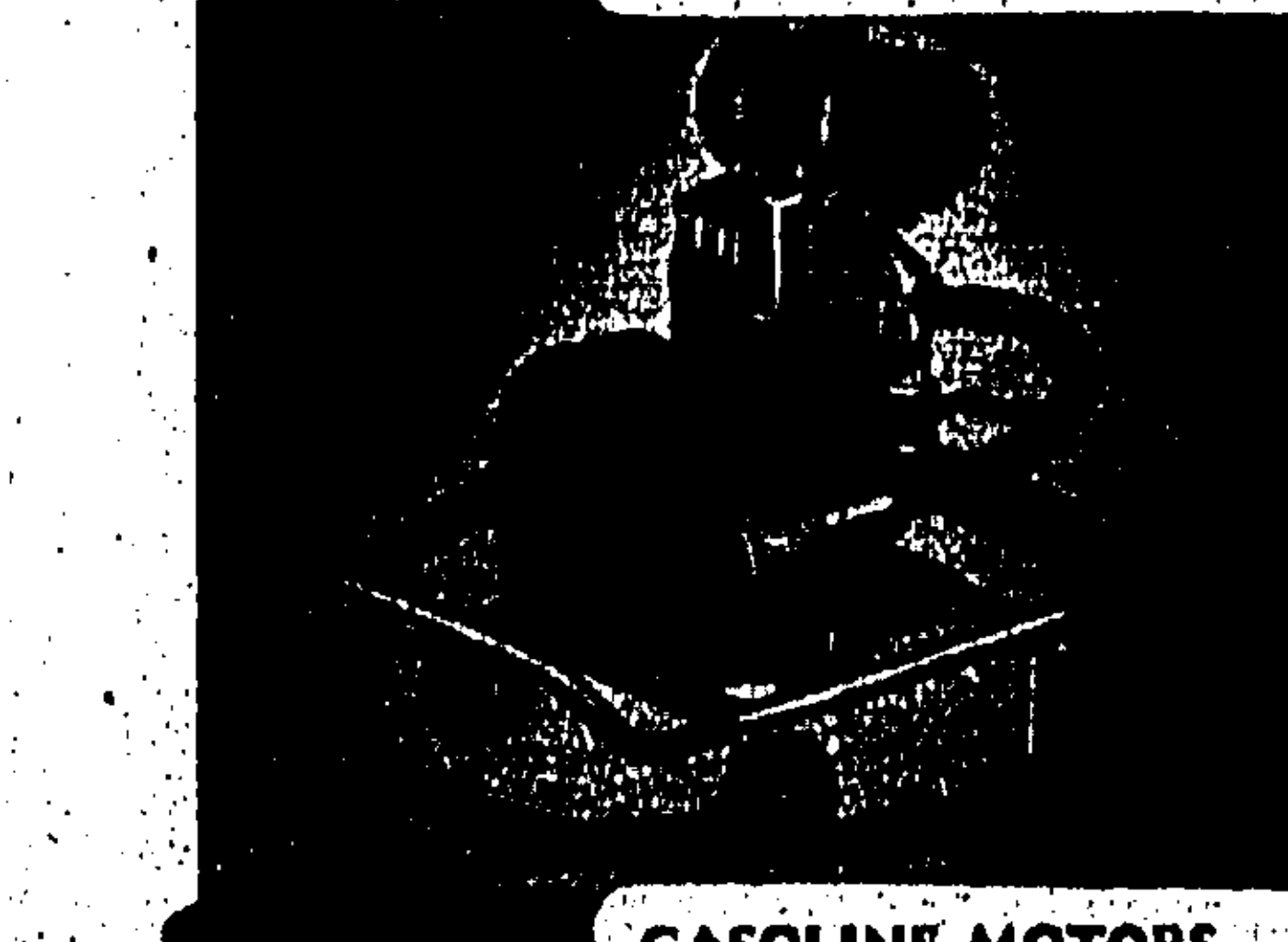
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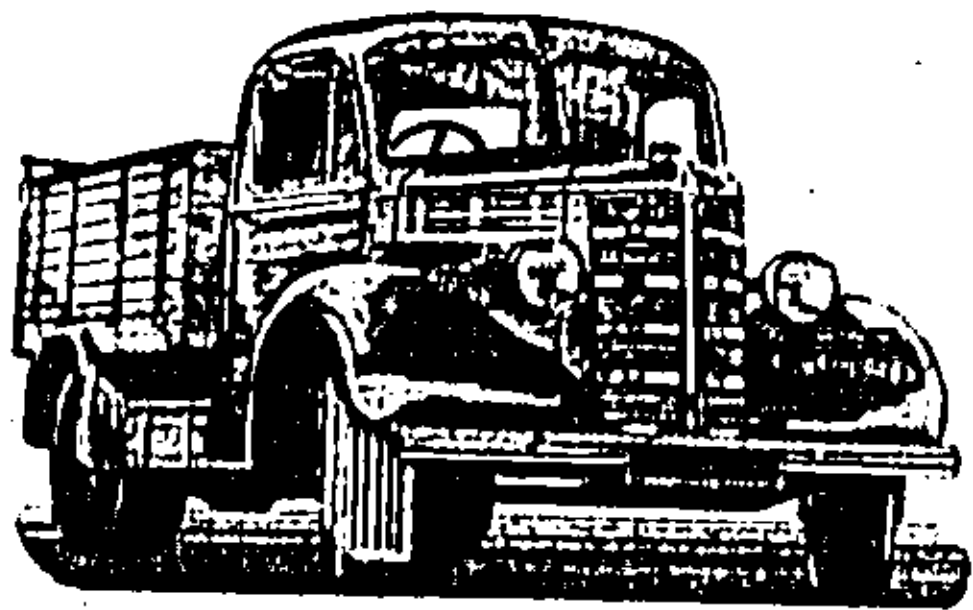


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MALAYAN COMMUNISTS ON THE RUN: RAF-ARMY DRIVE AT PULAI

Hyderabad Tension Increasing

New Delhi, August 10. India's Deputy Prime Minister, Sardar Patel, told the Indian Parliament today that armed raiders from Hyderabad state killed 73 persons in 197 recent attacks on Indian territory, wounded 107 and abducted 41.

Reporting increased tension in Hyderabad between the ruling Mohammedan heads and the Hindu population majority, Mr. Patel said, "India is prepared to meet all possible eventualities. He said an independent Hyderabad in the heart of India would endanger the very existence of the Indian Union and 'no compromise is possible' in the Indian demands for accession.

He refused to give more details, but when asked to comment on the current rumour that the Hyderabad episode will most probably be over before the end of this month.

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SUSPENSION CONFIRMED

Washington, August 10. The Army today confirmed that it had suspended one of General MacArthur's key advisers and returned him to the United States for a loyalty check.

Army Public Relations officers said that Mr. H.F. Alber, Chief of the Allied Headquarters Police Distribution Division, was ordered to be suspended on August 6.

Kuala Lumpur, August 10. British air and land forces have razed the Communist stronghold of Pulai, northeastern Malaya, and are pursuing the insurgent forces into the jungle, it was reported here tonight.

Pulai is almost in the centre of the peninsula, in the south of Kelantan State, some 200 miles north of Singapore.

British, Gurkha and Malayan patrols have so far tracked down about 1,000 insurgents, and their wives and families. They have already reached Semur and Tuang, two villages several miles south of Pulai.

The Communist stronghold of Pulai was destroyed by rocket-firing Royal Air Force Spitfires, followed up by an Army attack, an eye-witness here said today. Few houses have been left standing in the river valley area, through which the insurgents had

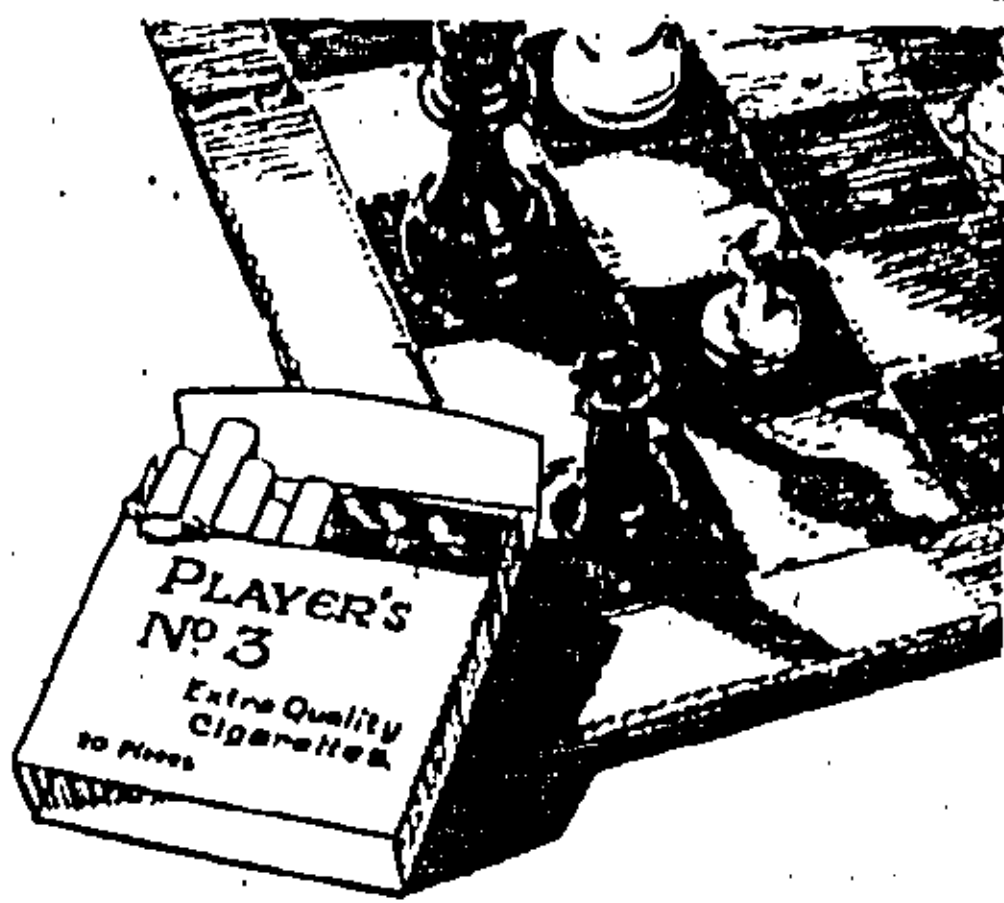
Britons To Evacuate

New Delhi, August 9. A plan to evacuate 400 British nationals and others from Hyderabad State is ready and will be put into operation immediately it becomes necessary to do so, a spokesman of the British High Commissioner's Office in New Delhi stated today.

The plan also covers some Americans, Canadians and Poles, whose evacuation has been undertaken by the British High Commissioner.

Although it is not considered likely that all these people will want to leave should the emergency arise, provision is being made for full-scale evacuation.

The officials said he is being investigated for removal for national security reasons, but declined further comment.—United Press.



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TRIESTE'S CLOSE TIE WITH ITALY

London, August 9. The British Commander of the Anglo-American zone in the free territory of Trieste said today that economic revival of the disputed area depends on close ties with Italy.

Maj. Gen. T. S. Airey, in his report for the three months ended June 30, reported that healthy economic revival and political stability of Trieste could not be expected until the territory's future is settled.

He added: "It has become increasingly apparent that the free territory settlement established as a compromise by the treaty of peace with Italy is neither politically nor economically viable."

"During the nine months of the existence of the free territory, Italy has supplied the economic and financial stimulus which the life of the zone depended on."

"No practical alternative which would ensure the healthy recovery of the area has so far presented itself or is, in my opinion, likely to do so."

The United States, Britain and France proposed last March that Trieste be returned to Italy, but the suggestion got a cool reception from Russia.

Some observers have said the issue may be raised again if Russia and the Western Powers agree to another four power conference on European problems.—Associated Press.

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Marshall Resignation Tale Denied

Washington, August 10. Reports that the Secretary of State (Mr. George Marshall) has threatened to resign in protest against American policy toward Israel drew an official denial from President Truman today.

The denial was released by the White House Press Secretary (Mr. Charles Ross) in response to a New York "Star" dispatch, which said that Mr. Marshall had threatened to quit if the proposed three-point programme on Israel went into effect.

The State Department press officer (Mr. Michael McDermott) had earlier contradicted the report.

Mr. McDermott said that State Department was considering granting full diplomatic recognition and a US\$100,000,000 loan to the Jewish State. This step was under consideration, he said, as American support for Israel's future application for membership in the United Nations.

He said such an application would get sympathetic consideration at the proper time.—United Press.

AIR LINES MERGER

Manila, August 10. More than 200 employees of Commercial Air Lines (CALI), which has been operating a domestic as well as an international service, are appealing for Government intervention to prevent the sale of CALI to Philippine Air Lines (PAL).

The employees claimed that the sale agreement did not contain provisions for them, thus confronting them with possible unemployment.

The CALI President, Mr. Alfonso Syquia, and the PAL President, Mr. Andres Soriano, recently agreed on the sale, which involves 1,000,000 pesos in cash and shares.

However, the sale must be approved by the Civil Aeronautics Board.—United Press.

JAPANESE GO TO SEA AGAIN

Tokyo, August 9. Two tankers, manned and officered by Japanese, left Japan for Persia last week to replace American tankers on the Persia-Japan oil run, reliable Japanese sources revealed today.

This is the first time since the war that the Japanese merchant navy has been permitted in a foreign field. The tankers will be allowed in Hong Kong or Singapore, the Japanese sources said.

The decision to permit the tankers to use the world's sea lanes once again and to pick up oil for Japan from the Persian Gulf was reached at the recent Sterling Area Conference here, British sources said today.

A spokesman at the headquarters of General Douglas MacArthur, the Supreme Allied Commander in the Far East, said that all available Japanese tankers would be used on the run.

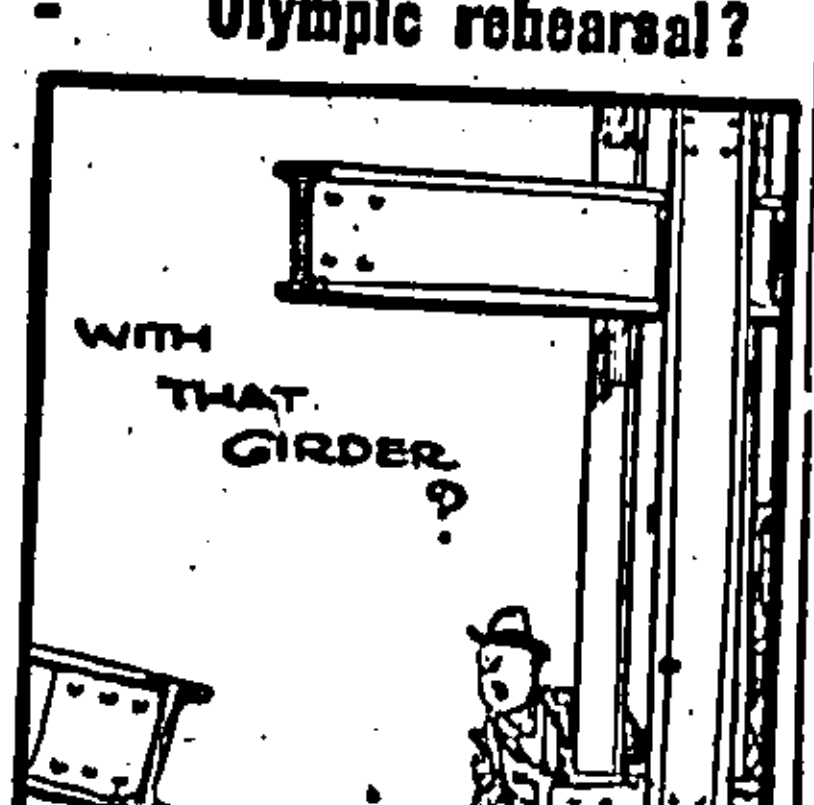
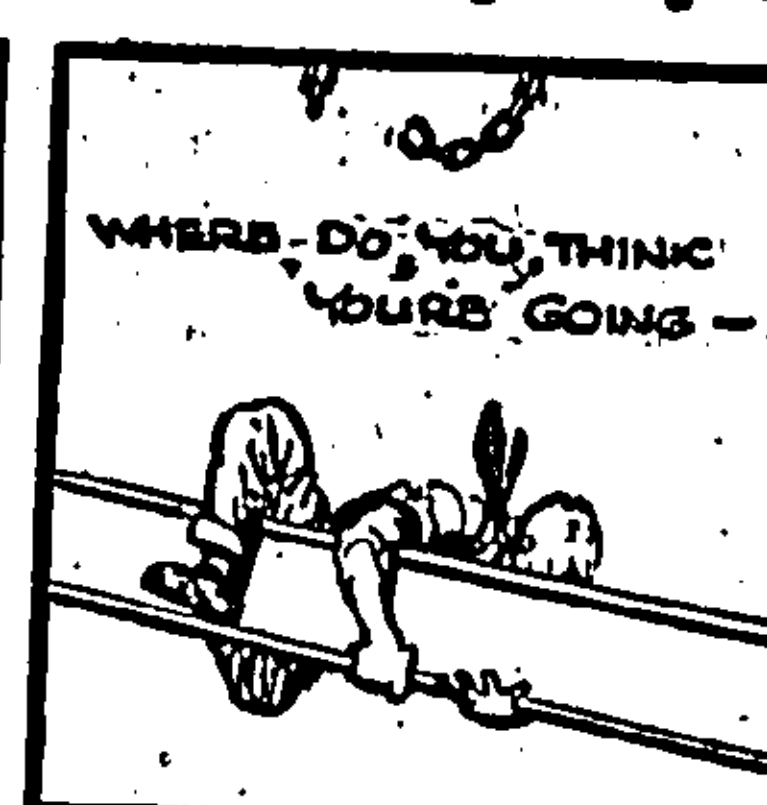
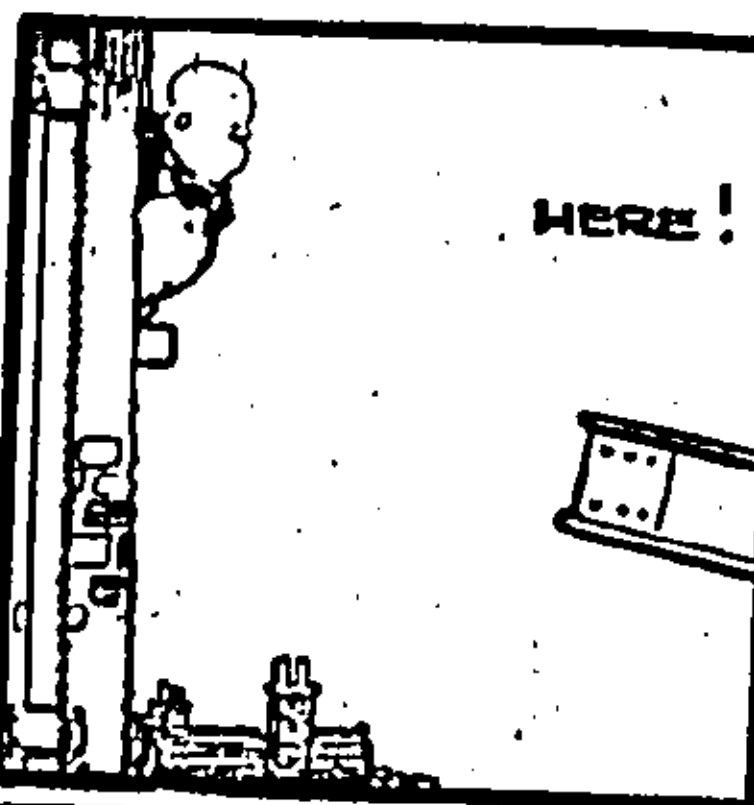
The American Navy tankers and chartered ships that had been

SIAM MISSION TO JAPAN

Tokyo, August 10. A 12-man Siamese trade mission headed by Mr. Luang Thavil, Vice-President of the Siamese Board of Trade, will arrive in Japan about August 16, according to Japanese Government sources.

The mission's visit to Japan has been known for some time.—

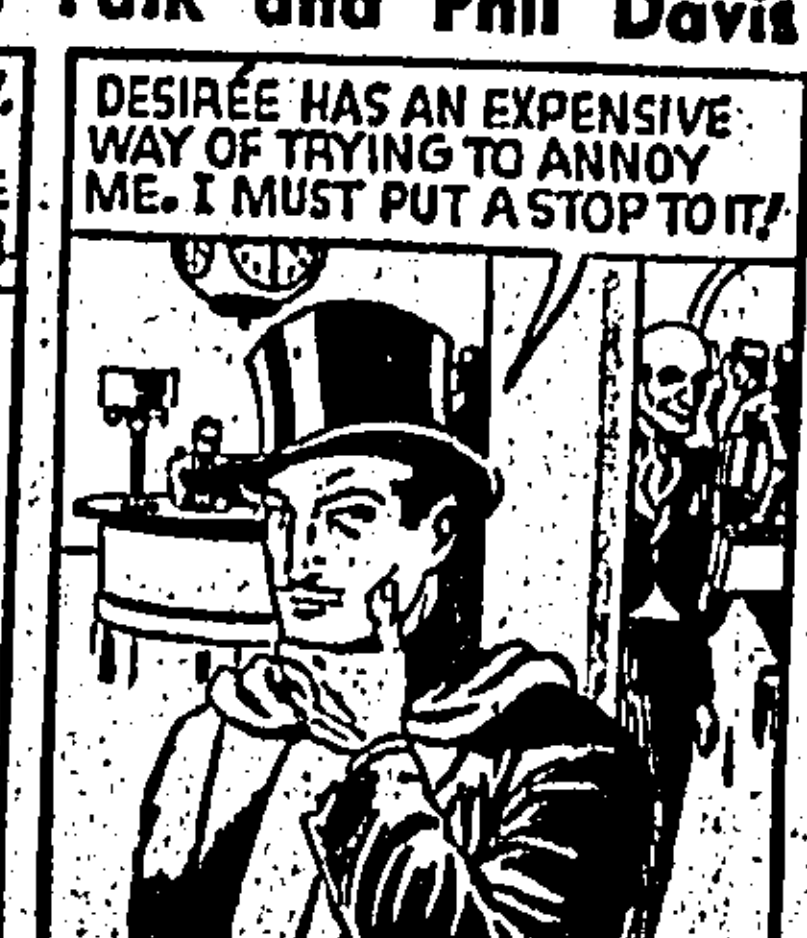
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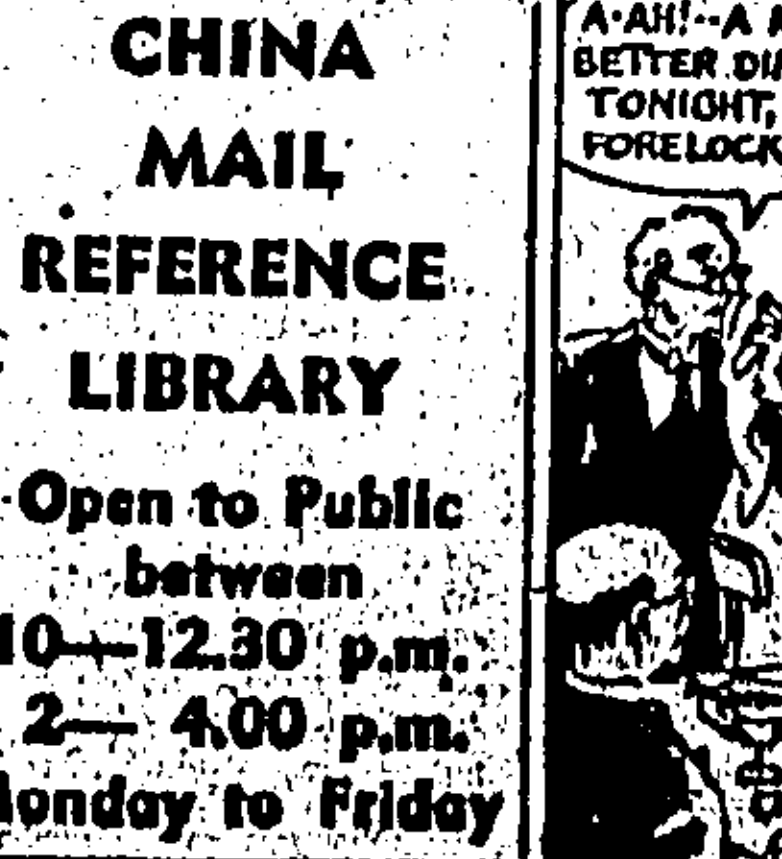
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Power Politics

Problem
Of Italian
Colonies

London, August 10.

The Manchester Guardian devoted a long editorial today to a discussion of Italy's former colonies and the work of the Commission which recently completed a fact-finding tour of North and Eastern Africa.

The newspaper said that chances of four-power agreement on the future of former Italian Africa are very slight, adding "the obstacles to agreement are to be found not in Africa but in Europe" among the dissensions of the great powers.

Therefore, the paper forecast, the United Nations Assembly which meets in Paris next month will probably be left to decide the future of these colonial territories.

Discussing the conditions revealed by the fact-finding Commission, the paper declared: "To some extent the Commission's report strengthens Italy's case for having the colonies returned to her, since it admits that the Italian Government was trying to do the right things in restoring the land and in developing the country, and it praises the skill and energy of the Italian settlers."

"In Libya, however, anti-Italian feeling is too strong and in Cyrenaica the Arabs would certainly fight."

Not Fair

Questioning whether Italy can now afford the capital investment needed to develop these territories, the Manchester Guardian also asked "whether it is fair to Abyssinia to give Ethiopia back to Italy, since it was from Ethiopia that Italy twice invaded Abyssinia in the past."

"For want of a better solution, Cyrenaica may achieve independence under a British trusteeship on the lines of Transjordan provided Russia agrees. France will probably keep the Fezzan which she has already de facto annexed," the paper predicted.

Pointing out that only the rest of Tripolitania with its vital Mediterranean coast appears the real difficulty, the paper made this suggestion: "If the powers fail to agree, what an opportunity is here to add strength and cohesion to Western Union by making all three colonies a trusteeship administered jointly by the nations of Western Europe including, in this case, Italy."

IMPORTANT VICTORY
CLAIMED

Peiping, August 11.

Capture of the important communist stronghold of Tsunhua, 85 miles East-Northeast of Peiping, was announced by Fu Tso-yi's headquarters today.

Headquarters said that Nationalist troops striking north occupied Tsunhua after an engagement in which 897 Reds were killed and 27 taken prisoners.

Headquarters said that a good deal of booty, including 3,000 summer and 15,000 winter uniforms, 80 tons of paper, two radio transmitters and other equipment was taken.

Inside Tsunhua the Nationalists destroyed arsenals, paper factories, spinning and weaving mills and warehouses—a possible indication that they do not plan to hold the town indefinitely.

From Tsunhua, which is a key highway centre, was the most notable success Fu Tso-yi's troops scored in their current drive against the Reds in Eastern Hopei. This drive is aimed at securing rail communications to Manchuria and generally stabilizing much of the disturbed area.

Meanwhile, pro-Government newspapers said the Nationalists had started a drive to seal the strait between Manchuria and Korea by the Peiping-Mukden railroad but there was no confirmation from other sources.

This drive is believed based at Chinchien, 103 miles from the Great Wall and for months now northern terminus of the railroad. Reds now hold most of the strait between Manchuria and Korea. Their dislodgement would re-open the land corridor to Mukden though repairs to the railway would be an additional hurdle to surmount.

Monetary circulation on May 31 was reported by the Department of Finance at 706,775,645 Pesos, an increase of 14,004,430 Pesos over the April 30 figure. A Commerce Department announcement said the circulation level "is bound to soar further as disbursements of military back pay and other benefits and war damage compensation are speeded up." Of the 935,000,000 Pesos originally set aside for the payment of military claims, 675,000,000 Pesos remain.

Associated Press.

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Hong Kong Position
Discussed

Shanghai, August 11.

The reported return of the so-called "Christian" General Feng Yu-hsiang to "somewhere in Asia" to assume a role in the combined Communist-anti-Kuomintang assault on the Chiang Kai-shek government today has foreign as well as Chinese officials asking questions.

Some of these questions might affect the international scene. There is no mistaking that Chinese officials want the Hong Kong Government to show definite signs that they will prevent or at least discourage dissidents using Hong Kong as a base of operations.

Hong Kong officials have already given indications that they will not countenance the open use of the Colony as a meeting place for a plot to overthrow the Chinese Government but Chinese leaders are wanting more than press statements.

At the same time the authorities decline to reveal whether they have already asked or are planning to ask the Hong Kong Government officially to take some action in preventing Reds and other Leftists from holding a "political consultative conference" in Hong Kong.

Another question asked is "who gave Feng the visa where he is going?" They also want to know how he is travelling.

Or if the United States State Department formally registered him as a political refugee and whether Feng also will be accepted by the British as a refugee or as a Chinese national. As a Chinese national, Feng would not require a visa to go to Hong Kong. If he is heading for Singapore he would need an entry permit.

Secret Departure

The fact that Feng's departure from New York to return to the

ASIAN FEDERATION
OF LABOUR

Washington, August 9.

The American Federation of Labour said today it was considering a request to help complete formation of an Asian Federation of Labour.

The request for AFL participation was submitted by Devan Sen, organization secretary, and G. L. Mapara, General Council Member of the Indian National Trades Union Congress Conference, to AFL President William Green.

The conference also was attended by Matthew Woll, chairman of the AFL International Relations Committee.

Mr. Green and Mr. Woll said the request for help to form the Asian group would be studied at the next meeting of the AFL International Relations Committee.

Both told Mr. Sen and Mr. Mapara of the "great concern of the AFL for strengthening of

free trade unionism in Asia as well as other parts of the world. They added that AFL policy is always "to encourage and assist efforts in such direction whenever they are prompted by bona fide, free Democratic trade union organizations."

Initial steps to form the Asian Federation were taken in July at San Francisco when Asian delegates to the International Labour Conference.

Nations represented included China, Burma, India, Indonesia, the Philippines, Pakistan, Iran and Turkey.—Associated Press.

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Demand For
Gaekwar's
Abdication

Bombay, August 10.

The princely state of Baroda was reported to be excited today over a demand for the abdication of Maharaja Pratapsinha, the Gaekwar, made on Monday by Dhara Sabha, the State's Legislature, which further called upon the India Government to institute a regency council.

The resolution, passed by a huge majority in the Legislature, said the turf-loving Maharaja misused and misappropriated funds from the State Treasury, which in six weeks in April and May this year totalled nearly \$2,500,000.

The resolution states that while the Maharaja's privy purse amounted to just over \$250,000 he took large loans without interest from the Treasury.

Doctor Jivraj Mehta, the Prime Minister, said famine is staring us in the face in part of the state and I am compelled in the interests of the people of the state to draw the attention of the Government of India to these transactions.

Mr. Mehta suggested the Treasury be reimbursed from the Maharaja's "large investments in India and abroad."

The 44-year-old ruler is believed to be second in wealth only to the Nizam of Hyderabad, often described as the world's richest man. The demand for abdication, according to the resolution, was partly due to the Maharaja's conduct ever since his so-called second marriage.

The Gaekwar in 1943 broke the state's anti-bigamy law enacted by his father when he married Princess Sita Devi of Pithapuram, who was earlier boycotted by her family because she married and divorced a Muslim.

Condemned Second
Marriage

Some Indian women condemned the second marriage and the Prime Minister resigned shortly afterwards.

The Maharaja attempted to make his second wife the senior Maharani while the first Maharani withdrew from public life. Both Maharanis have children.

Four months ago, after popular agitation, the Maharaja conceded democratic Government to Baroda and left India without forming a new Government.

The Maharaja said he was going to Paris for health reasons, and was in England for the Derby.—Associated Press.

EAST-WEST
VALUES

Singapore, August 9.

"Legs—East and West" said a headline in the Singapore Free Press recently, while the story below contrasted the value of a leg in England and one in Singapore.

The story recounted how, on the same day, a six-year-old English girl in London and an Indian labourer in Singapore were awarded damages by courts for leg injuries suffered in motor accidents.

The English girl got £1,150; her right leg was severely scarred.

The Singapore Indian got £338; his leg was cut off.—Associated Press.

Broken Doll

Brighton, August 9.

A caricature plastic model of Mr. Winston Churchill with the head off stood on the Bench at a Brighton court today when Hugh McGonigal was sentenced to one month's imprisonment for willfully damaging it.

It was alleged that McGonigal went into a shop and asked the assistant: "Will you help an old soldier?" When refused, he picked up the model and broke the head off. The defendant told the court: "I have been a victim of Mr. Churchill's Tory regime."

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